

GRAMMAR

past simple: irregular verbs

Complete the article with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

I didn't know that!

Six facts for *Twilight* fans

Stephanie Meyer is a world-famous writer now, but did you know these things about her?

- ▶ She ¹ (have) no experience of writing before *Twilight*.
- ▶ She ² (write) the first book in just three months.
- ▶ The idea for *Twilight* ³ (came) to her in a dream.
- ▶ Her sister ⁴ (read) the story first and told her to publish it.
- ▶ Her *Twilight* books ⁵ (be) in the Top Ten Bestsellers list for 143 weeks.



2 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

2002: the euro goes into circulation.

The euro went into circulation in 2002.

- 1 2008: Suzanne Collins writes *The Hunger Games*.
- 2 2009: Barack Obama becomes president of the USA.
- 3 2011: Ed Sheeran has his first hit song in England.
- 4 2011: One Direction make their first album.
- 5 2014: Germany win the football World Cup.

3 Read the answers. Complete the questions.

- 1 A: you Emma?
B: Yes, I did. I saw her at the swimming pool.
- 2 A: you the tickets?
B: No, we didn't, sorry. Can you buy them tomorrow?
- 3 A: they to the station after lunch?
B: Yes, they did. They went there at half past two.
- 4 A: she dinner at home?
B: Yes, she did. She had dinner with her family.
- 5 A: you a lot?
B: Yes, I did. I wrote ten pages.
- 6 A: you any sandwiches?
B: Yes, we did. We made some cheese sandwiches.
- 7 A: you the story?
B: Yes, I did. I read it last night.

4 Write questions in the past simple. Use these verbs.

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Sofia Vergara / a travel programme?

Did Sofia Vergara present a travel programme?

- 1 Justin Timberlake / a song at his wedding?

- 2 Borge Ousland / across the Antarctic?

- 3 Emma Watson / hockey at college?

- 4 Rafael Nadal / to be a tennis player?

- 5 Enrique Iglesias / in Spain when he was young?

5 Write short answers about you and your family.

- 1 Did you write any messages at the weekend?

- 2 Did your parents meet at school?

- 3 Did your teacher give you homework this week?

- 4 Did you buy anything last weekend? What?

- 5 Did your grandparents talk to you yesterday?

- 6 Did you drink juice at breakfast this morning?