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## VOCABULARY • Irregular past simple verbs



- 1 ★ Find the irregular past simple forms of the verbs.

be be buy eat give go hear make  
see speak teach

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| B | O | R | T | S | P | O | K | E | M |
| L | H | E | N | C | O | E | J | I | B |

- 2 ★★ Choose the word with a different vowel sound. Then listen and check.

made gave have

1 saw were taught

2 do go spoke

3 had made ate

4 left were went

5 rode bought taught

6 heard were hear



- 3 ★★ Complete the answers with the correct irregular past simple verbs.

Why did you do it?

I did it because she asked me to.

1 When did they last eat pizza?

They ate pizza last weekend.

2 At what age did he first ride a horse?

He first rode a horse at age nine.

3 When did you first hear that song?

We first heard that song two years ago.

4 What did she make on Sunday?

She made a chocolate cake.

5 What did you buy at the shops?

I bought some new clothes.

- 4 ★★ Complete the online message using the correct irregular past simple verbs.

Hi Imogen,

How are you? I had a real surprise today, when I <sup>1</sup> went in a bookshop in the city centre with my mum. We <sup>2</sup> gave there at about one o'clock and I <sup>3</sup> bought the book I wanted, the new John Green novel. Then I <sup>4</sup> saw Mrs McKenzie! Do you remember her? She <sup>5</sup> taught us music at our old school, when we <sup>6</sup> were about eight years old! Anyway, we <sup>7</sup> stayed for a few minutes about school and what I'm doing now. Then Mum and I <sup>8</sup> left the shop and <sup>9</sup> were for lunch. It was great seeing Mrs McKenzie ... it's funny when you see people from the past!

Talk to you soon,

Lara



- 5 ★★ When was the last time that you had a surprise? Write five to ten complete sentences that are true for you. Include the answers to these questions:

- When was it?
- Who was there?
- What happened?
- How did you feel?

The last time I had a surprise was on my birthday. My parents planned a surprise party at my house. They made a cake and all my friends were there. We had fun and I was really happy.

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## Past simple

1 ★ Complete the table with the words.

ate bought buy did didn't eat wanted

## Past simple

## Affirmative

|                     |                                           |                      |        |
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| Regular verbs (+ed) | I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They | wanted               | pizza. |
| Irregular verbs     |                                           | 1 _____ /<br>2 _____ |        |

## Negative

|                                           |         |                              |        |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------|
| I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They | 3 _____ | want<br>4 _____ /<br>5 _____ | pizza. |
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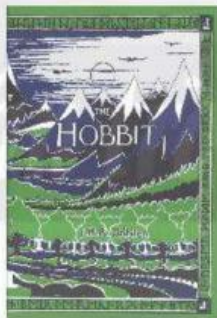
## Questions and short answers

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6 _____ you eat pizza? | Yes, we did. / No, we didn't. |
| What did you eat?      | We ate pizza.                 |

2 ★★ Complete the biography using the past simple form of the verbs.

be be live love move not join start  
teach want work write

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was a writer and a university professor. He 1 \_\_\_\_\_ fantasy novels such as *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Tolkien was born in South Africa in 1892 and 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to be eighty-one years old. At the age of three, he 3 \_\_\_\_\_ with his family to England. When the First World War 4 \_\_\_\_\_, Tolkien 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a university student. He 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the army like many of his friends because he 7 \_\_\_\_\_ to finish his studies first. All his life, Tolkien 8 \_\_\_\_\_ reading and studying languages. He managed to turn his hobby into a job. He 9 \_\_\_\_\_ on the *Oxford English Dictionary* and later 10 \_\_\_\_\_ English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford.



3 ★★ Rewrite the sentences using the past simple.

I have an exam today. I had an exam today.

1 'Do you drink this juice?' 'No, I don't.'

2 They often go to the cinema.

3 We don't send many text messages.

4 'Does Jake work there?' 'Yes, he does.'

5 Melisa always wears expensive clothes.

## Object and subject questions

4 ★★ Write questions about the information in **bold**.

Alex told me. **Who told you?**

1 We ate all the pasta.

2 We saw a boring film.

3 Olivia went home.

4 Mum made this soup.

5 Victor wrote that card.

5 ★★ Imagine you are interviewing a painter, writer or musician from the past. Write five object and subject questions. Use the verbs and your own ideas.

become give go learn live make  
meet paint play teach win write

Who gave you your first guitar?