

GRAMMAR

Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs)

Regular verbs

It **looked** pinkish orange. The storms **didn't move**.
When **did** that **happen**?

Irregular verbs

We **saw** an unusual storm. I **didn't know** what to do.
Did you **take** any photos? Yes, I **did**./No, I **didn't**.

We use the Past Simple with past time expressions,
e.g. yesterday, last week/year, two hours/days/weeks/years
ago, in April, in 1595.

1 ● Match infinitives 1–5 with their Past Simple forms a–e.

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| 1 ☐ c become | a took |
| 2 ☐ see | b thought |
| 3 ☐ know | c became |
| 4 ☐ think | d knew |
| 5 ☐ take | e saw |

2 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- I was tired and I **wanted** (want) to go home.
- I _____ (not stay) inside when it rained, so I got wet.
- My dad _____ (study) Maths at university.
- Ralph _____ (not help) us to organise the party last week.
- I _____ (spot) Tim in the park yesterday.
- Sara _____ (not look) very happy yesterday.

3 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of these pairs of verbs.

feel, make get, not go meet, not like
not take, go see, ~~not know~~

- We were scared when we **saw** the flood and we **didn't know** what to do.
- Jake _____ many photos when he _____ to Canada last year.
- The storm _____ quite bad, so we _____ outside.
- I _____ really happy with the app that I _____ in the IT lesson.
- She _____ George last year, but she _____ him at first.

4 ● Complete the dialogues. Use the Past Simple.

- A: Where **did you save** our presentation?
B: I saved it in a new folder on the desktop.
- A: When _____ the hurricane _____?
B: It happened on Tuesday night.
- A: Where _____ your coat?
B: I put it in the kitchen.
- A: _____ any photos of the storm?
B: No, I didn't.
- A: When _____ to Paris?
B: I moved to Paris last summer.

5 ● Complete the text with the Past Simple form of these verbs.

become feel help not sleep not stop
not think not want see visit watch

Wow! What amazing weather! ¹ **Did** you **see** the snowstorm last night? It started at about eight o'clock and at first, I ² _____ it was very bad. But the snow soon ³ _____ quite thick on the ground. It ⁴ _____ snowing for hours! I ⁵ _____ at all because I ⁶ _____ so excited – I ⁷ _____ to miss anything! This morning, some friends ⁸ _____ us and ⁹ _____ us to clear the snow away from our door. I don't know about the weather today. ¹⁰ _____ you _____ the weather forecast this morning? What's the weather like where you are?

6 ● Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Yes, I ¹ **saw** the snowstorm ² _____ night – it was amazing! The last storm like this was five years ³ _____. It ⁴ _____ place ⁵ _____ December, right at the beginning of the winter. We made some amazing snowmen that year, but unfortunately, they ⁶ _____ last very long because the snow soon melted. I posted some photos yesterday, when the storm started. ⁷ _____ you see them?