

The past simple: regular verbs

Charlie, Molly and Harry **played** games at the party. They **didn't watch** TV.



Generally, we add **-ed** to the end of the base form to form the past simple of regular verbs.



Affirmative

I waited
you waited
he waited
she waited
it waited
we waited
you waited
they waited

Negative

I **did not** wait
you **did not** wait
he **did not** wait
she **did not** wait
it **did not** wait
we **did not** wait
you **did not** wait
they **did not** wait

Short forms

I **didn't** wait
you **didn't** wait
he **didn't** wait
she **didn't** wait
it **didn't** wait
we **didn't** wait
you **didn't** wait
they **didn't** wait

Look at this other rule:

Verb	Example	Add	Past simple
ends in -e	live	+ -d	lived

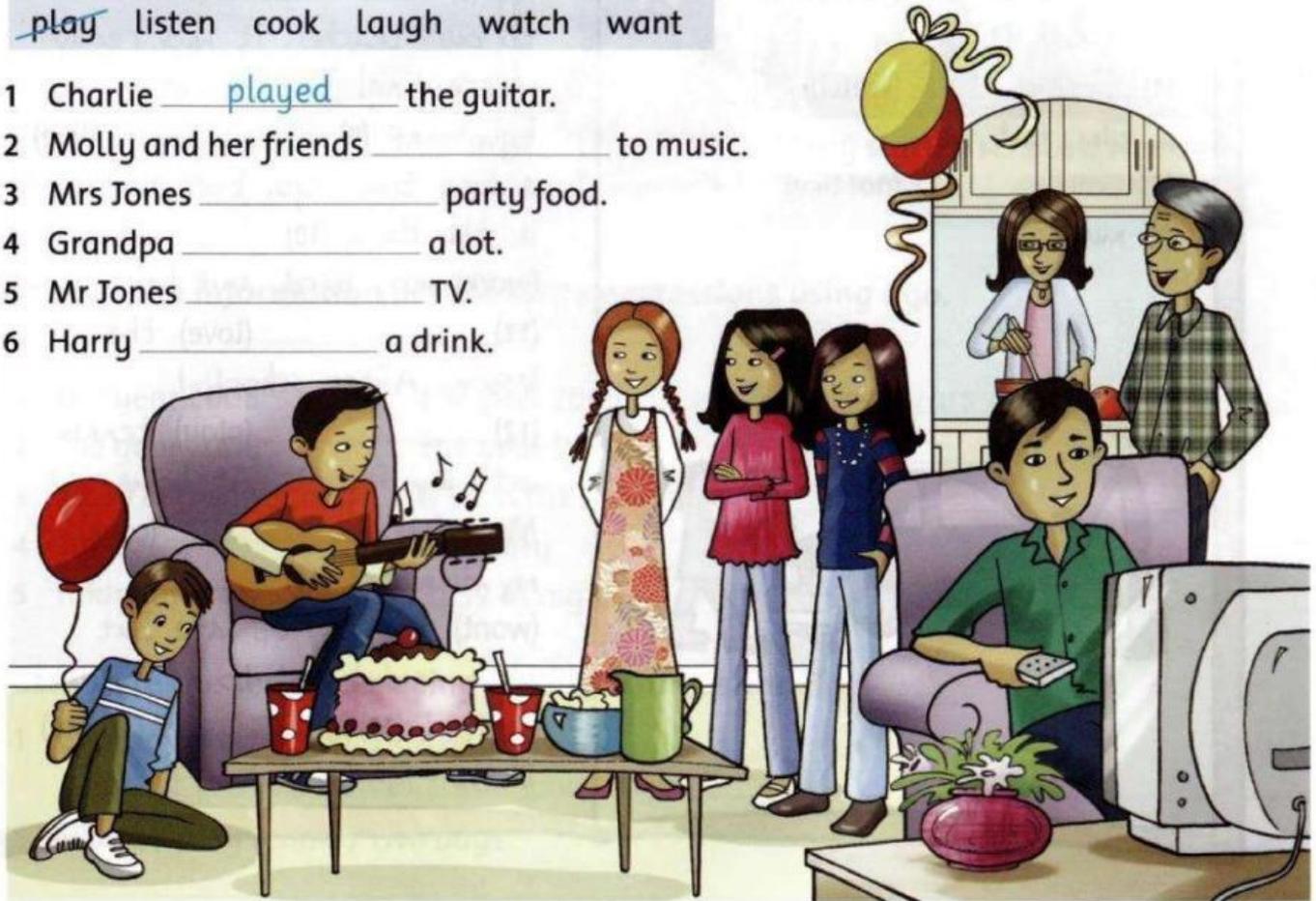
1 Write the past simple affirmative of these verbs.

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 watch <u>watched</u> | 2 live _____ |
| 3 love _____ | 4 cook _____ |
| 5 start _____ | 5 laugh _____ |
| 7 finish _____ | 6 listen _____ |
| 9 hate _____ | 10 work _____ |

2 Look at the picture. Complete these sentences about the party with a word from the box in the past simple.

play listen cook laugh watch want

- 1 Charlie played the guitar.
- 2 Molly and her friends _____ to music.
- 3 Mrs Jones _____ party food.
- 4 Grandpa _____ a lot.
- 5 Mr Jones _____ TV.
- 6 Harry _____ a drink.



3 Make the sentences in exercise 2 negative.

- 1 Charlie didn't play the guitar.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

4 Complete Charlie's diary, using the past simple affirmative and negative of the verbs in brackets.

Sunday 11th May

Harry and I (1) washed
(wash) Dad's car. Well,
I (2) _____ (start)
to wash it, but Harry
(3) _____ (not want)
to finish it, so we
(4) _____ (watch)
a film, but we
(5) _____ (not like)
it much.



Monday 12th May

At school today, we
(6) watched (watch) a film
about ancient Egypt. When
it (7) _____ (finish),
we (8) _____ (listen)
to our teacher. It was really
interesting! The ancient
Egyptians (9) _____ (live)
a long time ago. Everybody
in the class (10) _____
(work) very hard, and I
(11) _____ (love) the
lesson. After school, I
(12) _____ (play) tennis
with my friends. At home,
Mum (13) _____ (cook)
my dinner. I (14) _____
(want) to stay up late but
Mum said I had to go to bed
early. I (15) _____ (hate)
that!

5 Write complete sentences using the past simple.

1 finish my dinner / I / last night

3 not / listen to music / Billy

5 Polly and Mum / cook lunch

2 want / I / to get up / early

4 the car / wash / we

6 Hassan / his teacher / helped

Ago

We use **ago** to talk about a specific time in the past. This can be a recent time or further back in history.

two minutes ago

a month ago

a few years ago

many years ago

a long time ago

Charlie started school three years ago.



Harry started school a week ago.

6 Look at the information below. Write expressions using **ago**.

Now	Then	
1 the year 2008	the year 2005	<u>three years ago</u>
2 the year 2000	the year 1990	_____
3 10.30 in the morning	9.30 in the morning	_____
4 June	February	_____
5 midnight	11.59 at night	_____

7 Complete the sentences using the past simple and **ago**.

- Charlie / start school / three years
Charlie started school three years ago.
- Henry / play tennis / two days

- Steffi / finish her homework / two hours

- Dad / listen to a CD / a few minutes

- Kate / laugh at Kevin / a minute

- Mum and Dad / watch a DVD / a week
