GRAMMAR Past simple

1 Underline the past simple forms in the sentences.

1 Where did they go?
2 Where was it?
3 Did they have a good time?
4 We closed our eyes.
5 Jim, Simon and I travelled by tram to the bus station.
6 My wallet wasn't there.
7 My first holiday was with my friend Tom.
8 We didn't want my parents to drive us, so we went by bus and then on foot.
9 We dried everything.

Now answer these questions.

1 Which past simple verbs are regular?
2 Which past simple verbs are irregular?
3 Which verb never has *did* in questions and negatives?

GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

Be

Positive	I / He / She / It **was** at home. You / We / They **were** at school.
Negative	I / He / She / It **wasn't** at school. You / We / They **weren't** at home.
Questions	**Was** I / he / she / it at home? **Were** you / we / they at school?
Short answers	Yes, I / he / she / it **was**. No, I / he / she / it **wasn't**. Yes, you / we / they **were**. No, you / we / they **weren't**.

Spelling: regular verbs

Most verbs add *-ed*	*play → played* *climb → climbed*
verbs that end *in* -e, add *-d*	*decide → decided* *arrive → arrived*
verbs that end in consonant + *-y*, change *-y* to -i and add *-ed*	*carry → carried*
one-syllable verbs ending in a vowel + a consonant (except *w*, *x* or *y*), double the consonant and add *-ed*	*stop → stopped*
two-syllable verbs ending in a stressed vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add *-ed*	*prefer → preferred*
In British English, we double the final *l* in *travel*	*travel → travelled* (America English: *travel → traveled*)

Regular and irregular verbs

Positive	I / You / He / She / It / We / They **climbed** … I / You / He / She / It / We / They **knew** …
Negative	I / You / He / She / It / We / They **didn't want** … I / You / He / She / It / We / They **didn't write** …
Questions	**Did** I / you / he / she / it / we / they **travel**? **Did** I / you / he / she / it / we / they **fly**?
Short answers	Yes, I / you / he / she / it / we / they **did**. No, I / you / he / she / it /we / they **didn't**.

- We use the past simple to talk about things that happened or didn't happen in the past.
  *Simon and I **travelled** by tram to the bus station.*
  *We **didn't want** my parents to drive us.*

SUBJECT QUESTIONS

We normally use *do* or *did* in questions.
*Where **do** you live?*
*What **did** you eat yesterday?*
However, we don't use *do* or *did* if the question word (*who*, *what*, etc.) is the subject. Look at these questions:

Subject: *Who helped you? My mum helped me.*
Object: *Who did you help? I helped my sister.*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Complete this paragraph with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Last summer, I **(0)** *visited* (visit) Moscow with my family. We **(1)** _____ (fly) from London. On the first day, we **(2)** _____ (go) to the tourist information office and we **(3)** _____ (ask) for information about the city. My sister **(4)** _____ (want) to go to the zoo. My dad **(5)** _____ (not want) to go there, so he **(6)** _____ (go) shopping. The next day, we **(7)** _____ (walk) to Red Square and we **(8)** _____ (see) the Kremlin. We **(9)** _____ (not go) inside the museum because it **(10)** _____ (be) closed. We **(11)** _____ (have) a fantastic holiday there.

4 Read questions a and b and complete the answers. Then answer questions 1–4.

a Who did Sophie invite to go on holiday with her?

She invited _____ to go on holiday with her.

b Who lost his wallet?

_____ lost his wallet.

1	Which past simple question uses *did* + infinitive, **a** or **b**?	_____
2	What is the verb form in the other question?	_____
3	Is question **a** asking for information about the subject or object?	_____
4	Is question **b** asking for information about the subject or object?	_____

5 Choose a or b for each question.

1 Who did the boy see?

- ○ **a** His mother saw him.
- ○ **b** He saw his mother.

2 Who saw the boy?

- ○ **a** His mother saw him.
- ○ **b** He saw his mother.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the questions.

0 Who *did lend* / *lent* Fred money for the coach?

1 What [ ] at the cinema?

2 What [ ] to you? You're late!

3 Who [ ] the cake?

4 Where [ ] on holiday?

5 Who [ ] their homework last night?

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6 Complete the sentences using the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1 What _____ (eat) when you were on holiday in Italy?

2 Who _____ (take) you to the airport?

3 Where _____ (you / go camping) last summer?

4 Who _____ (book) the flights, your mum or your dad?

5 Who _____ (you / go) on holiday with last summer?

6 Who _____ (buy) you your new bike? Was it your parents?

3 Complete the sentences using the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1 _____ (you / go) on holiday with your family last year?

2 They _____ (not travel) by boat to the island because the weather _____ (be) bad.

3 We _____ (want) to visit the museum, but we _____ (not have) time.

4 _____ (the plane / arrive) on time?

5 The holiday _____ (not be) great, but I _____ (enjoy) the afternoons on the beach.

6 _____ (you / be) in the mountains for the whole holiday?

7 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 I maked two new friends on my holiday. => _____

2 Sorry we couldn't meet yesterday. I go shopping and then cycling with my mum. => _____

3 It was a rainy day on Saturday, so I spended the day at home. => _____

4 I watch TV and played on the computer yesterday evening. => _____

5 It was a pity you lefted the party early last Friday. => _____

8 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

1 Where did you go on your last holiday?
2 Who did you go with?
3 How did you get there?
4 What did you do there?
5 What was the best thing you did? Why?

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1 **Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 The train to London _____ (be) really fast.
2 Martin's family _____ (go) to Paris by coach because it was the cheapest way.
3 Jane was only 15 but she _____ (know) more than most adults about computers.
4 How _____ you _____ (get) to Moscow?
5 _____ (be) Tom in Ankara or in Istanbul last week?
6 We _____ (not have) a good time on our holiday because we were all ill.
7 There _____ (not be) any trams yesterday because it snowed.

2 **Complete the article with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.**

arrive	be	do	not stop	spend
start	travel	~~visit~~	wait	

Graham's Big Adventure

Between 2009 and 2012, Graham Hughes [0] *visited* all the countries in the world. At that time, there [1] _____ 201 countries. There are now only 195. Graham [2] _____ this without taking a flight. He [3] _____ by boat, bus and train, by taxi and on foot, and he [4] _____ $100 a week on his journey. He [5] _____ his amazing journey on New Year's Day 2009. It was sometimes very difficult. He often [6] _____ for weeks for a boat. But Graham [7] _____, and on Monday 26th November 2012, the 1,426th day of his journey, he [8] _____ in the last country: South Sudan. Graham is the only person to see every country in the world without taking a flight.



3 **Correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

1 I went to Mar del Plata. I have a lovely day.
_____
_____
2 Last night I forgot my history book in your house.
_____
_____
3 I went shopping yesterday. I brought a very nice skirt and a sweater.
_____
_____
4 I liked the weather last week because it is hot.
_____
_____

4 **Which past simple questions need the word *did*?**

0 Who – wanted to climb the old tower?
1 Who _____ you see on the plane?
2 Who _____ you go on holiday with?
3 Who _____ flew the plane?
4 Who _____ you meet at the hotel?
5 Who _____ found the bags?
6 Who _____ spoke to the passengers?

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