

Simple Past Tense

The Legend of Sungai Jodoh, Batam

Sungai Jodoh
Batam

Let's Remember!

Simple Past Tense is used to tell about an activity or event that happened in the past.

Time Signal Words

- yesterday
- last year
- ago
- in 1945
- when
- then
- after
- finally

The Form

Subject + Verb (past form) + Object

- e.g. I visited Sungai Jodoh.
She helped the snake.
They got married.

Irregular Verbs (Examples)

be	→	was/were
go	→	went
see	→	saw
take	→	took
become	→	became
give	→	gave

A Read the Legend of Sungai Jodoh, Batam!

Long ago, in a quiet village in Batam, there lived a kind and beautiful girl named Mah Bongsu. She was an orphan who lived and worked for a wealthy woman named Mak Piah. Unfortunately, Mak Piah was greedy and often treated Mah Bongsu badly. Even though she lived a difficult life, Mah Bongsu remained patient, kind, and helpful.

One day, Mah Bongsu went to a river to wash clothes. While she was washing, she heard a strange sound from the bushes near the river. She looked around and found a wounded snake. Its back was badly injured, and it could hardly move.

Mah Bongsu felt sorry for the snake. She carefully took it to a safe place and treated its wound. After several days, the snake became healthy again. Then, it disappeared into the forest.

A few days later, Mah Bongsu found a strange snake skin. She took it home and burned it. Surprisingly, the smoke from the snake skin brought many treasures to her house. Mah Bongsu suddenly became rich.

When Mak Piah heard about Mah Bongsu's fortune, she became jealous. One evening, the snake that Mah Bongsu had helped came back. Suddenly, the snake transformed into a handsome young man. He thanked Mah Bongsu for her kindness and told her that her good heart had changed his life.

The young man and Mah Bongsu eventually fell in love and got married. The river where they first met became known as Sungai Jodoh. Since then, the story has been remembered as a story about kindness, patience, gratitude, and destiny.

A good deed can bring unexpected blessings, and kindness should be given sincerely without expecting anything in return.

Sungai Jodoh

B Match the Pictures with the Sentences!

Pasangkan gambar dengan kalimat yang sesuai!

1



a. Mah Bongsu found a wounded snake and helped it.

2



b. The snake skin brought many treasures to Mah Bongsu's house.

3



c. The snake turned into a handsome young man and married Mah Bongsu.

4



d. The story became known as Sungai Jodoh.

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e. Mah Bongsu went to the river to wash clothes.

D True or False!

Tentukan apakah pernyataan berikut benar (T) atau salah (F)!

- Mah Bongsu was not an orphan. ☐ T ☐ F
- Mak Piah treated Mah Bongsu well. ☐ ☐
- Mah Bongsu found a wounded snake at the river. ☐ ☐
- The snake skin brought many treasures. ☐ ☐
- Mak Piah was happy about Mah Bongsu's wealth. ☐ ☐
- The snake returned and transformed into a young man. ☐ ☐
- The couple lived happily together. ☐ ☐

Kindness Creates Destiny

C Choose the Correct Answer!

Pilih jawaban yang paling tepat!

- Mah Bongsu _____ a river to wash clothes.
a. goes b. went c. go d. going
- Mak Piah _____ jealous of Mah Bongsu's fortune.
a. is b. was c. were d. be
- The snake _____ into a handsome young man.
a. transform b. transforms c. transformed d. transforming
- The couple _____ happily together.
a. live b. lived c. lives d. living
- The story of Sungai Jodoh _____ for many years.
a. remembers b. remembered c. is remembered d. will remember

Keep Going!



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