

1 Complete the grammar rules with these words.

appeared • Did • didn't • was • weren't

1 Regular past simple affirmative verb:

Poirot first _____ in 1920.

2 Past simple negative verb:

She _____ publish it until 1976.

3 Past simple question:

_____ you watch Morse on TV last night?

4 be in past simple affirmative:

Morse _____ concerned about spelling.

5 be in past simple negative:

Their methods _____ the same.

2 Write the past simple form of the irregular verbs in the correct column.

break • bring • buy • catch • cut • draw • drink
put • sell • shut • sing • sink • speak • take
teach • tell • think • throw

-aught	-ang	-ank
-ew	-oke	-old
-ook	-ought	-ut
	<i>bought</i>	

Complete with the past simple form of the verbs.

become • catch • go • not have • steal

Ronnie Biggs (a) _____ famous in 1963 for his part in the Great Train Robbery. A gang of criminals (b) _____ 2.6 million pounds from a train. Biggs (c) _____ a big part in the crime, but the police (d) _____ him and he (e) _____ to prison.



change • escape • leave • recognise • work

Two years later he (f) _____ to Paris and (g) _____ his appearance. In 1970 he (h) _____ France. Then, in Australia, he (i) _____ in a TV studio, but a reporter (j) _____ him.

become • come • die • fly • live • allow

Because of this, Biggs (k) _____ to Brazil where he (l) _____ with his family for many years. He (m) _____ back to prison in England in 2001. He (n) _____ very ill in 2009 and they (o) _____ him to leave prison. He (p) _____ in 2013.

Write questions about Ronnie Biggs using the prompts below.

- 1 When/be born?
When was he born?
- 2 What crime/commit?
- 3 How much/steal?
- 4 police/catch him?
- 5 Why/fly to Brazil?

These statements are incorrect. Correct them using the example as a model.

- 1 Ronnie Biggs was born in 1919.
Ronnie Biggs wasn't born in 1919. He was born in 1929.
- 2 Ronnie Biggs committed fraud.
- 3 Biggs stole 2.6 million dollars.
- 4 He ran away to Madrid.
- 5 A police officer recognised him in Australia.

GRAMMAR CHALLENGE

Read the text. Find and correct 12 mistakes.

When I was very young some of my friends taked me to a shop to get the sweets. They hadn't any money so one of them putted some sweets in his pockets, but he didn't paid for them. I liked chocolate bars (and I am still liking them now) so I put an bar in my pocket. But the assistant seed me. He callt the manager of the shop and he phoned my parents. I did feel terrible. I were only five years old, but I am remember it now and feel very embarrassed.

Circle the correct alternative to complete the rule.

We make the past continuous by using the present/past of the verb be + present/past participle.

Match the sentences (1–5) with the uses (a–e).

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| 1 | I found out a lot about the city while I was reading the series. | _____ |
| 2 | Rebus met Rafferty in one of the first books and they became friends. | _____ |
| 3 | It was raining heavily in Edinburgh. | _____ |
| 4 | While I was walking round, I was thinking about all the places in the books. | _____ |
| 5 | Rebus retired because he was too old. | _____ |
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| a | an activity in progress in the past | |
| b | a completed action in the past | |
| c | two completed actions in the past | |
| d | an activity in progress in the past interrupted by another action | |
| e | two activities in the past that were in progress at the same time | |