Grammar exercises

1) Write the past simple form of these verbs.

1 become *became* 6 go .....
2 begin ..... 7 make .....
3 come ..... 8 study .....
4 create ..... 9 travel .....
5 finish ..... 10 watch .....

2) Complete the sentences with verbs from exercise 1. Use the past simple affirmative or negative.

1 No, I *didn't watch* the film on TV yesterday.
2 Reality TV shows ..... popular in the early 2000s.
3 My mother ..... astrophysics at university. She works for NASA now.
4 We ..... to France on holiday last year. We ..... by plane.
5 Walt Disney ..... a lot of famous cartoon characters.
6 Sorry, I ..... a cake. There wasn't any sugar.

3) Say these words. Which word has got a different past simple pronunciation? Circle the odd one out from each list.

1 used appeared liked travelled
2 watched invented finished produced
3 started needed created survived

4) Circle the correct words.

1 Wilma Flintstone **was** / **were** a character in a 1960s TV cartoon programme.
2 **Was** / **Were** you late for school yesterday? No, I **wasn't** / **weren't**.
3 The first films **were** / **weren't** in colour. They **were** / **weren't** in black and white.
4 **Was** / **Were** the exam difficult? Yes, it **was** / **were**.
5 Pablo Picasso **was** / **wasn't** from Spain. He **was** / **wasn't** from France.
6 We **was** / **were** on holiday in August. We **wasn't** / **weren't** at school.

5) Complete the past simple questions and short answers. Use the words in brackets.

1 *Did you go* ..... to school yesterday? (you / go)
Yes, *I did* .....
2 ..... to work? (your mum / drive)
No, ... She caught the bus.
3 ..... a good time at the party? (they / have)
Yes, ...
4 ..... all the questions? (I / answer)
No, ...
5 ..... at university? (your parents / meet)
No, ...
6 ..... *The Chronicles of Narnia?* (C.S. Lewis / write)
Yes, ...

6) Write questions for the answers. Use these question words.

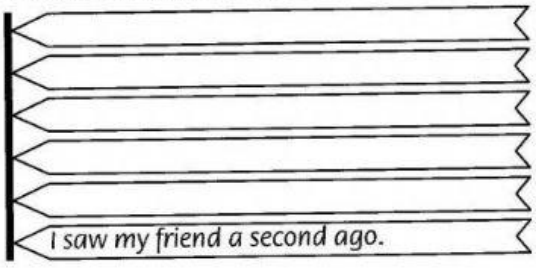
how what time when ~~where~~ who why

1 *Where did you go on holiday this year* .....?
I went to Turkey on holiday this year.
2 .....?
We travelled by car.
3 .....?
My sister went shopping with her friend.
4 .....?
The dog ate your dinner because he was hungry.
5 .....?
They did their homework before dinner.
6 .....?
The train left at 7.30 am.

7) Order the words to make sentences.

1 at school / ago / arrived / five minutes / The teacher
The teacher arrived at school five minutes ago.
2 Christmas / three weeks / was / ago
.....
3 wasn't / at school / ago / two days / He
.....
4 ago / My sister / a few hours / went shopping
.....
5 the Taj Mahal in India / visited / a few years / ago / My parents
.....
6 I / ago / my friend / a second / saw
.....

8) Write the sentences in exercise 7 in order, from the earliest to the most recent.



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