

## 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 when what time 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 .....  
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- 3 wasn't / at school / ago / two days / He .....  
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- 4 ago / My sister / a few hours / went shopping .....  
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- 5 the Taj Mahal in India / visited / a few years / ago / My parents .....  
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- 6 I / ago / my friend / a second / saw .....  
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### 8 Write the sentences in exercise 7 in order, from the earliest to the most recent.

1 I saw my friend a second ago.

2 .....  
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4 .....  
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6 .....  
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