

GRAMMAR 2 Past simple questions and short answers

Ask and answer questions about the past

1 Complete the grammar table with the words in the box.

completed could couldn't did wasn't

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Use: For (1) <i>completed</i> actions in the past.
Form:
Most verbs did + I/she, etc + verb: Did he travel by plane? Yes, he (2) _____. / No, he didn't.
be was/were + I/you, etc: Who was Fix? Was he a detective? Yes, he was. / No, he (3) _____.
could could + I/you, etc + verb: (4) _____ Laura answer all the questions? Yes, she could. / No, she (5) _____.

2 Complete the questions with the words in brackets. You don't need to use could/couldn't.

- 1 Was the weather (be / the weather) OK? X
- 2 _____ (he / travel) with you? X
- 3 _____ (he / play) tennis with you? ✓
- 4 _____ (be / they) busy? ✓
- 5 _____ (be / you) happy? X
- 6 _____ (be / it) sunny? ✓

3 Match the questions in Exercise 2 to the short answers (a-f).

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| a Yes, it was. 6 | d Yes, he did. _____ |
| b No, he didn't. _____ | e No, it wasn't. _____ |
| c Yes, they were. _____ | f No, I wasn't. _____ |

4 a Put the words in order to make questions.

- 1 Lynn / goodbye / say / to her friends? / Did ✓
Did Lynn say goodbye to her friends?
- 2 Did / give / her / a going-away present? / they ✓
- 3 Did / she / sad / look / at the airport? X
- 4 it / Was / a long flight? X

b Write short answers for the questions in Exercise 4a.

- 1 *Yes, she did.* 3 _____
- 2 _____ 4 _____

5 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

have was (x5) wasn't (x2)

- Finn:** Did you (1) *have* a good holiday?
Mia: Yes, it (2) _____ good. (3) _____ your holiday good?
Finn: No, it (4) _____. It (5) _____ terrible!
Mia: Oh, no! Why? What (6) _____ so bad?
Finn: The hotel was horrible, the food awful and the weather was really bad.
Mia: Oh, dear! (7) _____ anything good?
Finn: No, it (8) _____. It was the worst holiday ever!

