

Grammar

Past Simple (1) Regular verbs

1 Read about the footballer Lionel Messi. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the Past Simple.

Lionel Messi – the best football player in history?

'A friendly match or a final – I always play my best.'
Lionel Messi

Lionel Messi was born on 24 June 1987. As a child, he ¹ lived in Rosario, Argentina. Messi always ² _____ playing football with his brothers and their friends. He was a brilliant player, and ³ _____ playing for Rosario's youth club in 1995.

Messi ⁴ _____ very small for an 8-year-old boy – too small. He ⁵ _____ medicine to help him grow, but it was very expensive. Messi's father, Jorge, ⁶ _____ in a factory, and couldn't pay for it all himself.

In 2000, the Spanish club FC Barcelona saw Messi play and ⁷ _____ him to join their youth team. The club ⁸ _____ to pay for his medicine, and Messi and all his family ⁹ _____ to Spain.

Messi was homesick and ¹⁰ _____ Argentina, but when he joined the Barcelona first team, aged 17, and ¹¹ _____ a lot of goals, he was happy. In 2009 he ¹² _____ his first FIFA award *The Best FIFA Men's Player Award*. He is often called the best player in history.

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2 Look at the answers about Lionel Messi. Complete the questions.

- 1 'Where did Messi live?'
'In Rosario, Argentina.'
- 2 'What _____ doing?' 'Playing football with his brothers and their friends.'
- 3 'When _____ playing for Rosario's youth club?'
'In 1995.'
- 4 'Where _____ his father _____?'
'In a factory.'
- 5 'Why _____ expensive medicine?'
'To help him grow.'
- 6 'When _____ his first award for best men's player?'
'In 2009.'

6.1 Listen and check.

Negatives

3 Complete the sentences about Messi with a verb from the box.

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- 1 Messi didn't live in Buenos Aires.
- 2 He _____ football with his sisters.
- 3 He _____ very tall.
- 4 His father _____ in a bank.
- 5 All Messi's family moved to Spain. They _____ in Argentina.

5 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box.

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- 1 We lived in a small house when I was a child. /d/
- 2 I _____ a really good programme on TV last night. /t/
- 3 We _____ out of London because it was too busy. /d/
- 4 We all _____ a large pizza because we were so hungry. /ɪd/
- 5 I _____ a new job last Monday. I love it! /ɪd/
- 6 He _____ a lot of money last year, so he has a big tax bill! /d/
- 7 She _____ a lot about her childhood in Australia. /t/
- 8 My grandfather _____ in 2012. /d/

6.4 Listen, check and repeat.

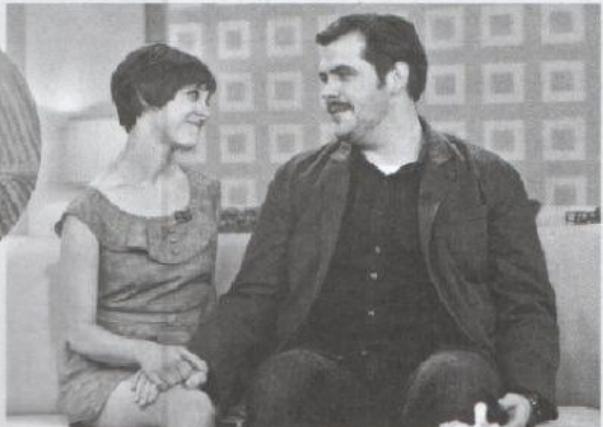
10 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of an irregular verb.

- 1 I didn't go to New York, I went to Chicago.
- 2 We didn't meet Tom, we _____ Harry.
- 3 He didn't leave last week, he _____ yesterday.
- 4 We didn't see a film, we _____ a play.
- 5 I didn't buy a TV, I _____ a laptop.
- 6 He didn't send a letter, he _____ an email.
- 7 She didn't make spaghetti, she _____ pizza.
- 8 We didn't have white wine, we _____ red.

11 Read the text. Put the irregular form of the verb in brackets into the Past Simple.

One of the best wedding proposals!

On 23 May, a few years ago, Isaac Lamb, a young man from Oregon, US, ¹ made (make) an amazing video of his wedding proposal to his girlfriend. It ² _____ (go) viral on the Internet and ³ _____ (become) one of YouTube's most popular videos, with over 26 million views!



Lamb, an actor and director, asked more than sixty friends and family to help him make the video. They all ⁴ _____ (sing) **Bruno Mars'**, *Marry you*, together as Isaac asked his girlfriend, Amy Frankel, to marry him. Bruno Mars ⁵ _____ (see) the video and said it was perfect for his song.

It was Isaac's grandmother who ⁶ _____ (tell) him to marry Amy, after she ⁷ _____ (meet) her for the first time, but it ⁸ _____ (take) Isaac three years to propose.

They finally ⁹ _____ (get) married two years later. It was a big wedding because they ¹⁰ _____ (have) lots of friends and family to invite, including all the people in the video. They ¹¹ _____ (send) an invitation to Bruno Mars, but he ¹² _____ (can not) come because he was too busy.

6.5 Listen and check.