

Empower A2 U6B

1 GRAMMAR Past simple: positive

- a Complete the text with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.



John Lennon ¹ was born (be born) in 1940 in Liverpool, England. His middle name ² was (be) Winston. John's parents ³ separated (separate) when he ⁴ was (be) only five years old and he ⁵ lived (live) with his aunt and uncle, Mimi and George Smith. However, he often ⁶ visited (visit) his mother at her house and she ⁷ taught (teach) him to play the banjo. In 1956, she ⁸ bought (buy) him his first guitar. Two years later she ⁹ died (die) in a car accident. In 1958, John ¹⁰ went (go) to the Liverpool College of Art, but he ¹¹ left (leave) before the end of the course. In 1960 he ¹² met (meet) Paul McCartney and together with two other friends they ¹³ started (start) The Beatles. They ¹⁴ became (become) the most famous and successful band in the history of popular music. Lennon and McCartney ¹⁵ wrote (write) most of The Beatles' songs.

- b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Andrew *meeted* / met / *metted* Laura when they were / *was* / *been* at university together.
- 2 The taxi *stopped* / *stoped* / *stopt* in front of the station and she *gived* / *gaved* / *gave* the driver \$20.
- 3 He *were* / *was* / *am* born in 1942 and *died* / *die* / *dyed* in 2010.
- 4 When they *find* / *finded* / *found* the handbag in the park, they *taked* / *took* / *taken* it to the police station.
- 5 Last year, my brother *goed* / *was* / *went* to Las Vegas on holiday. It's a really expensive place to visit. He *spent* / *spended* / *spented* over £1,000 in three days!
- 6 My mother *maked* / *maid* / *made* a big birthday cake for my brother yesterday and we *eated* / *ate* / *ated* three pieces each!
- 7 My sister *playd* / *plaied* / *played* the piano very well when she was eight and my parents *bought* / *buyed* / *buied* her a guitar when she was fifteen.
- 8 Elizabeth *workt* / *worked* / *walked* hard at university and then *getted* / *gotted* / *got* a fantastic job in London.

2 VOCABULARY

Past simple irregular verbs

Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of the verbs in the box.

go eat give read bring ~~buy~~
think make have ~~cost~~ get come

- 1 My uncle bought a new car last week. It cost \$50,000!
- 2 We _____ to an Italian restaurant last night and _____ a fantastic pizza!
- 3 She _____ to my house for dinner on Saturday and _____ her new boyfriend with her.
- 4 I _____ that new book about Leonardo Da Vinci at the weekend. I _____ it was really interesting.
- 5 Last night she _____ us a lovely chicken soup. Sorry, there isn't any for you today because we _____ it all.
- 6 I _____ some lovely chocolates for my birthday. My friend Alison _____ them to me.