

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.