

Past simple (affirmative): regular

I can talk about past events.

- 1 Complete the email. Use the past simple affirmative form of the verbs in brackets.

To: mason@email.com

Dear Mason,

I really ¹ _____ (enjoy) the safari holiday in Tanzania. We ² _____ (arrive) by plane at Kilimanjaro Airport. Then we ³ _____ (travel) by bus to the Serengeti National Park. After that, we ⁴ _____ (explore) the park for five days in a Jeep with a guide. During that time, I ⁵ _____ (photograph) lots of elephants and giraffes, but I really ⁶ _____ (want) to see some big cats – lions or cheetahs. And then, on the last day, a family of cheetahs ⁷ _____ (walk) in front of our Jeep. We ⁸ _____ (stop) and ⁹ _____ (wait). The cheetahs ¹⁰ _____ (stay) near us and we ¹¹ _____ (watch) them for about ten minutes. Amazing! We ¹² _____ (return) home to the UK two days ago. What a fantastic holiday!

See you soon!

Madison



- 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

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- My mum _____ chemistry at Oxford University.
- Our clock _____ at exactly half past seven.
- That comment nearly _____ a fight!
- We _____ the Cup Final on TV in my hotel room.
- They _____ from Dublin to New York.
- My great-grandfather _____ a new kind of bicycle.
- My uncle _____ a woman from New Zealand.
- They _____ Antarctica on foot.

- 3 Complete the past simple sentences. Use the words in brackets.

- I usually walk to school. (cycle)
Yesterday, I _____ to school.
- I usually watch TV before school. (listen to music)
This morning, _____.
- Most weekends, I play football. (play basketball)
Last weekend, _____.
- We're visiting the USA. (live there)
Ten years ago, _____.
- She's often late for school. (arrive early)
Yesterday morning, _____.
- This month, the weather is fantastic. (rain every day)
Last month, _____.
- I usually go on holiday with friends. (travel alone)
Last summer, _____.

- 4 Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Use the past simple form of the verbs from exercises 1–3.

- Last weekend, _____.
- Two years ago, _____.
- Yesterday, _____.
- Last summer, _____.
- Yesterday morning, _____.
- Last month, _____.

- 5 Underline one mistake in each sentence. Write the sentences correctly.

- I started school ago six years. **X**

- We trained for six months for this competition. **X**

- I chat to my cousins in Italy last night. **X**

- We planed our holiday this morning. **X**

- I watched a great DVD afternoon yesterday. **X**

- My parents both studied maths. **X**

- My uncle moved to Canada last summer ago. **X**

- The bus stoped in front of the town hall. **X**
