

PAST SIMPLE REVIEW**Past simple for past actions and situations**

We use the past simple for

- a single completed action in the past: *He died in 1539. Did you see the film last night?*
- repeated actions in the past: *He learned several native American languages. Caroline phoned her family every day when she was on holiday.*
- a series of actions (when one thing happens after another) in the past: *We arrived in Rome at eleven o'clock and took a taxi to Franco's apartment. Then we went to the square and looked round the shops, but we didn't buy anything.*
- situations that finished in the past: *He lived from 1500 to 1539. Children didn't have so many electronic toys when I was young.*

**Past simple + adverbs of time; when, after**

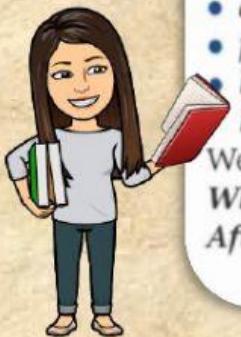
We often use adverbs of time to say when a past action happened, for example

- *ago*: *We arrived at the airport ten minutes ago.* (ten minutes before now)
- *for* (with periods of time): *The economic crisis lasted for two years.*
- *last week/month/year*: *Mariela started college last month. We had a general election last year.*

We can also use *when/after* + past simple:

*When they arrived, they explored Texas and New Mexico ...*

*After Rory left home that morning, he went to work as usual ...*



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1) Complete the sentences using past simple (positive, negative, or question)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (he / get up) yesterday?
4. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / get off) the train?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) very late.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) £300 when my uncle \_\_\_\_\_ (die).

9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / use) the computer last night.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / make) good coffee?

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2) Write sentences in the past simple, using the words below.

0. When / be / last major festival / your country?

When was the last major festival in your country?

0. When / Kate / finish / race / feel / exhausted.

When Kate finished the race, she felt exhausted.

1. Who /you / like most / at your last school?

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2. We / not understand / lecture / last week.

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3. When / Jack / arrive / tell / us the news.

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4. Why / you / start / learning English?

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5. She / start / college / a month.

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