

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?

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

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

4. Why / you / start / learning English?

5. She / start / college / a month.

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