

Past Simple

1 * Complete the text with *was* or *were*.

I remember my old school very well. I remember Mr Smith. He ¹ was very kind. Most of our teachers ² were old but he ³ was young.

It ⁴ was an old school. The rooms ⁵ were big and cold. The chairs ⁶ were uncomfortable and the desks ⁷ were small. Our room ⁸ was very dark. The photos on the walls ⁹ were black and white and the windows ¹⁰ were small. My new school is much nicer.

2 * Complete the text with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

When I was young, I had a cat. I ¹ called (call) her Pickles and I always ² wanted (want) to take her to school with me. I often ³ asked (ask) my parents but they always said 'No!'. Then, one day, we had a 'pet day' at school. I took Pickles on the bus. She ⁴ hated (hate) it! At school, we all ⁵ showed (show) our pets to the class and ⁶ talked (talk) about them. One boy had a big dog. The dog got onto the teacher's desk and ⁷ stayed (stay) there. We all ⁸ laughed (laugh) but I think our teacher was scared!

3 ** Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs below.

buy do eat go have know leave send

Last year I ...

- went to school by bus every day.
- had long hair.
- lost my phone on the bus and lost it.
- bought lots of computer games from a shop in the town centre.
- did my homework every day.
- ate pizza every Friday.
- sent emails to my friends every day.
- only learned twenty German words.

4 ** Complete the sentences with the correct form of *was* or *were*.

- My parents weren't bad (not bad) students, they were good (good) students.
- I wasn't bored (not bored) in the lesson, I was tired (tired).
- Our old French teacher (not strict) wasn't strict. He was friendly (friendly).
- That book wasn't interesting (not interesting). It was boring (boring).
- The shops were closed (not open) when we got to the town centre. They were closed (closed).
- I wasn't serious (not serious) about my school work when I was young. I was very relaxed (very relaxed)!
- I looked for my phone in my bag but it wasn't there (not there). It was on (on) my desk.
- It wasn't cold (not cold) yesterday, it was hot (hot).

5 ** Complete the sentences with the negative forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Last year, I didn't like (not like) English.
- I didn't use (not use) my computer yesterday.
- We didn't go (not go) swimming last Saturday.
- Last summer, my dad didn't have (not have) a holiday.
- My sister didn't invite (not invite) me to her birthday party!
- I didn't want (not want) to have tennis lessons but now I like them.
- My friend didn't do (not do) his homework yesterday.
- I went to a party but I didn't know (not know) any of the people there.

6 * Complete the text with the words below.**

didn't (x 2) go had (x 2) have saw stayed
was (x 2) wasn't went (x 2) were (x 2) weren't

Last month, we ¹ went on a school trip to France. We ² had a great time. I ³ didn't speak much French. We ⁴ had lessons in the morning but we didn't ⁵ do any homework to do.

We ⁶ lived in a small town about fifty kilometres from Paris. It ⁷ was a very quiet town. The cinema ⁸ wasn't open so we ⁹ couldn't watch any films. The shops ¹⁰ were very big - they ¹¹ were much smaller than the shops in our town. We didn't ¹² go out in the evening at all but I liked the town. The people ¹³ were very friendly and the food ¹⁴ was great!

On the last day, we ¹⁵ went to Paris and ¹⁶ visited the Eiffel Tower. I love Paris!



7 * Make sentences from the cues.**

Last year, I went to Italy.

1 ✓ see / the Coliseum

I saw the Coliseum.

2 x / go inside

3 ✓ / eat / real Italian pizza

4 x / like it

5 ✓ / go to an art gallery

6 x / see / any paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci

7 x / write / to my friends

8 ✓ / send / them emails

Grammar Alive Excuses

8 * Use the cues to make dialogues.**

1 A: You not / send me / email yesterday

B: I / have / lot / homework to do

A: You didn't send me an email yesterday.

B: I had a lot of homework to do.

2 A: You / use / my phone. You / not ask me

B: You / not be here. I / only talk / for one minute

A: _____

B: _____

3 A: You laugh / my hair

B: I / not want / laugh. Sorry

A: _____

B: _____

4 A: You / be / late for school yesterday

B: I / go / by bus. It / be / late

A: _____

B: _____

5 A: You / not say / hello to me yesterday

B: Sorry. I / not see / you

A: _____

B: _____

Sentence Builder Time linkers

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I was at home when I saw the news on TV.
- 2 Before/After I went to sleep, I read for half an hour.
- 3 My dad left school when he was sixteen. He after/then joined the army.
- 4 Then/After I did my homework, I played some computer games.
- 5 I met my friends at the café and/after then we went shopping.

6 Complete the sentences with the time linkers below.

when then after before and

1 Before we left the cinema, I went home.
It rained all day and we didn't know what to do. First of all we went to an art gallery. We 2 _____ visited a museum 3 _____ then went shopping in the shopping centre.
My dad is a teacher. He started teaching when he was thirty. 4 _____ that, he worked in a restaurant. We were in an exam 5 _____ my phone rang. The teacher was very angry.

7 Put the story into the correct order.

- a I was at a concert when I met Tom. 1
- b We didn't talk because the music was very loud. After the concert, we walked to the bus stop. _____
- c We talked for a few minutes and then my bus came and we said goodbye. _____
- d It was on July 20, the first day of the school holidays. It was about nine o'clock when Tom sat next to me and asked me for the time. _____
- e Tom asked me for my phone number and I wrote it on a piece of paper. _____
- f I got my phone out and showed him the time on that. He started talking about the phone and then the band started. _____

8 Match the notes (1-7) with the questions (a-g).

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| 1 Where did they meet? | <u>c</u> |
| 2 When did they meet? | _____ |
| 3 Describe her appearance | _____ |
| 4 What happened first? | _____ |
| 5 Then what did Jack say? | _____ |
| 6 How did he feel? | _____ |
| 7 What happened at the end of the meeting? | _____ |
| a long blond hair, blue eyes, slim, tall, nice smile | |
| b excited, happy | |
| c at a party | |
| d He smiled at her and sat next to her. | |
| e They said goodbye, asked for her phone number, agreed to meet again. | |
| f He asked her to dance. | |
| g last Saturday | |

9 Use the ideas in Exercise 8 to write about a meeting between Jack and Emma.

Jack and Emma met ...