

Past simple to be and regular verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 Henri started (start) at a new school two months ago.
- 1 My dad _____ (study) at university for three years.
- 2 Carlos _____ (change) his mobile phone last week.
- 3 I _____ (talk) to my grandparents last week.
- 4 Bruce _____ (agree) to help his brother with his homework.
- 5 She _____ (stop) playing the piano last year.
- 6 They _____ (watch) TV from six to nine yesterday.
- 7 He _____ (promise) to be on time for school.
- 8 Fiona _____ (need) to phone her mum.

2 Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

Michaela: Where ⁰ did you go (you / go) at the weekend?

Miguel: To a farm near where I live. It's open to the public, so we ¹ _____ (look) at all the animals. We ² _____ (touch) some of them, too, the rabbits and the sheep.

Michaela: That sounds good. ³ _____ (they / have) any cows?

Miguel: No, they ⁴ _____. But the farmer was great. He ⁵ _____ (tell) us a lot about his work and the animals. He ⁶ _____ (talk) for about fifteen minutes!

Michaela: How much ⁷ _____ (you / pay)?

Miguel: Only one pound each, which is really cheap for a day out.

3 Complete the dialogue with **was** or **were**.

Wayne: Where ⁰were you yesterday afternoon?

Danny: We ¹_____ at the cinema – me, my sister and my parents.

Wayne: Oh, which film ²_____ on there?

Danny: There ³_____ a new film on about a man who makes friends with a polar bear.

Wayne: Oh, ⁴_____ it good?

Danny: Yes, it ⁵_____! Really good and a very interesting story.

Wayne: ⁶_____ there many people there?

Danny: Yes, there ⁷_____. The cinema ⁸_____ full.

Wayne: Sounds great! I'd like to see it. Maybe I can go with my parents too.

4 Complete the description of a zoo with **was**, **were**, **wasn't** or **weren't**.

The pet shop ⁰was amazing! There ¹_____ so many different animals there. There ²_____ even a snake. I ³_____ frightened – I like snakes – but my mum

⁴_____ really frightened! She hates them, and insects too, but there

⁵_____ any insects there. My dad ⁶_____ funny, teaching the parrot to talk. The pet shop owner ⁷_____ a bit annoyed, I think!