

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 ⁰ were 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 ⁰ was 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!