

Simple Past

Simple past tense		
Statement	Negative	Wh- questions
He moved from New York to San Francisco.	I didn't stay in California.	When did they leave Germany? How long did you stay in France?

A. Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs in brackets (). Use the words from the box.

met	was	wrote	won	put	spoke
wore	took	paid	went	left	drove
					thought

1. The young man _____(take) out his wallet and _____ (pay) the bill.
2. When Lucy _____(go) to the interview, she _____ (wear) her best suit.
3. We _____ (leave) the motorway and _____(drive) for an hour on quiet country road.
4. I _____ (think) I _____ (know) my irregular verbs, but now I'm not sure!
5. As soon as I _____ (meet) Doris, I _____ (know) she _____ (be) someone special.
6. Tolstoy _____ (write) some great novels, but he never _____ (win) a Nobel Price.
7. The nurse _____ (put) the little boy to bed and _____ (speak)to him softly.

B. Write the words and expressions in the correct order to make questions.

1. I /Did/something/wrong? /say/I'm sorry.

2. Start/learning/When/did/English? / you

3. Did/your/meet/husband? /you

4. she/Did/play/tennis?

5. time/last/you/What/did/get/home/night?

C. Use the correct words from the box to complete the sentences.

didn't like	didn't talk	didn't feel	didn't hear
didn't open	didn't buy	didn't pay	didn't leave

1. Dean called to the waiter, but the waiter _____ him.

2. When I was a young child, I really _____ chocolate.

3. I saw Sonia in the supermarket but we _____.

4. Chrissie went home because she _____ well.

5. They cut off our telephone because we _____ our bill.

6. We arrived at the airport at six, but our flight _____ until twelve!

7. Alex spent all morning in the bookshop, but in the end he _____ anything.

8. I _____ a bank account until I got my first full-time job.