

Lesson 6 Past Simple

1. Grammar Link

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2. Grammar Introduction

A. Past Simple: Be

Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question
I/She/He/It was ...	I/She/He/It wasn't ...	Was I/she/he/it...?
We/You/They were ...	We/You/They weren't ...	Were we/you/they...?

- **Was** is the past form of **am** and **is**. **Were** is the past form of **are**.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~was/were. No, ~ wasn't/weren't.
- wasn't = was + not, weren't = were + not
- Past time words: yesterday, yesterday morning, yesterday afternoon, yesterday evening, last night
last week, last month, last year, last Sunday, two hours/days/months/years ago

Complete the sentence using **was** or **were**.

- 1 The students very happy after the game yesterday.
- 2 The school concert great last week.
- 3 There a lot of people at the school concert last week.

B. Past Simple: Regular and Irregular Verbs

	Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question
Regular	I/You/They/She played .	I/You/They/She didn't play .	Did I/you/they/she play ?
Irregular	I/You/They/She sang .	I/You/They/She didn't sing .	Did I/you/they/she sing ?

- The past simple is used to talk about actions that began and ended in the past.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, I/you/they/she did. No, I/you/they/she didn't.
- Regular verbs: spelling rules of final **ed**
 - ① Add **ed** to most verbs. (answer → answered open → opened)
 - ② If a verb ends in **e**, add **d**. (arrive → arrived hope → hoped)
 - ③ If a verb ends in a vowel + a consonant, **double the consonant** and add **ed**. (stop → stopped plan → planned)
 - ④ If a verb ends in a consonant + **y**, change **y** to **i** and add **ed**. (cry → cried try → tried)
- Irregular verbs have their own past forms. (come → came stand → stood)



■ Circle the correct verb form.

- 1 The plane **arrive** / **arrived** three hours ago.
- 2 Last night, I **have** / **had** a good night's sleep.
- 3 Did it **rain** / **rained** yesterday afternoon?
- 4 Our teacher didn't **give** / **gave** us any homework yesterday.
- 5 Did a bird **fly** / **flew** into the classroom two days ago?
- 6 My dad **drive** / **drove** his car to work yesterday.



C. Past Simple: Common Irregular Verbs

Simple	Past	Simple	Past	Simple	Past	Simple	Past
become	became	wake	woke	draw	drew	build	built
come	came	get	got	fall	fell	send	sent
begin	began	drive	drove	blow	blew	lose	lost
drink	drank	ride	rode	hold	held	feel	felt
give	gave	rise	rose	know	knew	leave	left
ring	rang	win	won	meet	met	keep	kept
sing	sang	write	wrote	buy	bought	sleep	slept
sit	sat	break	broke	bring	brought	hear	heard
swim	swam	speak	spoke	think	thought	take	took
run	ran	wear	wore	catch	caught	shake	shook
say	said	choose	chose	teach	taught	stand	stood
pay	paid	tell	told	fly	flew	understand	understood
have	had	cut	cut	grow	grew	see	saw
make	made	put	put	find	found	go	went
hide	hid	read	read	do	did	eat	ate

■ Write the past simple form of the verb.

1 know	knew	6 sing	.....
2 understand	.....	7 take	.....
3 meet	.....	8 give	.....
4 read	.....	9 fly	.....
5 find	.....	10 catch	.....

3. Grammar Practice

A Write the verb in the past tense. (: affirmative : negative : question)

- 1 live They didn't live in China ten years ago.
- 2 win Our school soccer team the championship last year.
- 3 understand everyone the math problem yesterday?
- 4 read We two books every week last month.
- 5 draw The children anything in art class yesterday.
- 6 arrive the plane on time last night?
- 7 leave Sam his house at 8 o'clock this morning.
- 8 hear They any strange noise from outside last night.
- 9 make you your own lunch yesterday?
- 10 wake up The boys very early this morning.

B Write the question form.

- 1 Jim slept well last night. Did Jim sleep well last night?
- 2 The boys ran to class this morning.
- 3 We took the train to Tokyo last summer.
- 4 Sam fell off his bike yesterday.
- 5 Amy went to the dentist last week.
- 6 You found a watch at school yesterday.
- 7 Ted took an umbrella to school this morning.
- 8 Amy wrote down the phone number.
- 9 Somebody broke the window last night.

C Write the answers about you. Use a complete sentence.

- 1 What did you have for breakfast this morning?
- 2 What did you do after dinner last night?
- 3 Where did you live five years ago?
- 4 What did you do last Sunday?

D Write the verb in the past simple tense.





Bird's "Bird"

Forrest Bird flew airplanes. It was difficult to ^① fly ^② be
 breathe when he flew high. He wanted to solve this ^③ fly ^④ want
 problem. He took classes on the human body and ^⑤ take
learned how people breathe. Then he invented the first ^⑥ learn ^⑦ invent
 respirator*. Bird travelled to many hospitals and tested ^⑧ travel ^⑨ test
 the respirator on sick patients. He found that patients ^⑩ find
 breathed easier with the respirator. Bird's invention became ^⑪ become
 known as "The Bird." Bird's "Bird" saved many lives. ^⑫ save

*Respirators help people breathe.

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