

## Past Simple

Instructions: Complete the text with the past simple affirmative, negative or question forms of the verbs in parentheses. Then look up the highlighted words (and any other words that you are not familiar with) in the dictionary.

### Louis Pasteur 1822- 1895

As a young man, Pasteur (study) **studied** at the Ecole Normale in Paris. Then at the age of 32, he (become) \_\_\_\_\_ a professor at the University of Lille. In 1856, he (receive) \_\_\_\_\_ a visit from a man called Bigo who (own) \_\_\_\_\_ a **factory** that (make) \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol from **sugar beet**. He (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a question for Pasteur: why (the alcohol / turn / to acid) \_\_\_\_\_? When this (happen) \_\_\_\_\_, they (not can) \_\_\_\_\_ use it and (throw) \_\_\_\_\_ it away. Bigo (ask) \_\_\_\_\_ Pasteur to find out the reason for this. At first, Pasteur (not know) \_\_\_\_\_ but when he (examine) \_\_\_\_\_ the alcohol under a **microscope**, he (find) \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of tiny micro-organisms. He (believe) \_\_\_\_\_ that they (cause) \_\_\_\_\_ the problem. (milk, wine and vinegar / behave / in the same way?) \_\_\_\_\_. Other scientists (disagree) \_\_\_\_\_ with him, and newspapers (make) \_\_\_\_\_ fun of him. But, Pasteur (continue) \_\_\_\_\_ with his work. He (invent) \_\_\_\_\_ methods of testing his theory and (prove) \_\_\_\_\_ that he was right. Later, he (work) \_\_\_\_\_ together with two doctors and (develop) \_\_\_\_\_ **vaccines** for diseases such as anthrax and rabies.

