

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.

