

PAST SIMPLE

LEARN THIS! Past simple (affirmative): irregular



a Many verbs have irregular past simple forms. There are no rules for forming these, you need to learn them.

do – did speak – spoke come – came

b The verb *be* is the only verb with two (irregular) past simple forms:

I / he / she / it was you / we / they were

Match the irregular past simple forms of the verbs in the text with their infinitive without *to*.

1 become _____

6 fall _____

11 make _____

2 begin _____

7 find _____

12 read _____

3 break _____

8 get _____

13 see _____

4 build _____

9 go _____

14 take _____

5 draw _____

10 have _____

4 Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of verbs from the **Learn this!** box and exercise 3.

1 I _____ a lot of housework before school yesterday.

2 We _____ a great film at the cinema last night.

3 My sister _____ to Paris for the weekend.

4 I _____ an old memory stick on my bedroom floor.

5 She _____ a lot of photos during the holiday.

6 We _____ to our teacher about the homework.

LOOK OUT!

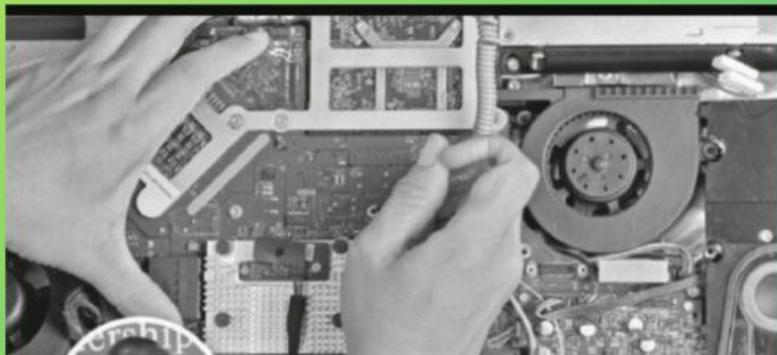
Several past simple forms end in *-ought* or *-aught*. These endings are pronounced /ɔ:t/ (rhyming with *short*).

5 Read the **Look out!** box. Then complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

bring buy catch fight teach think

- 1 The British and Americans _____ on the same side in the Second World War.
- 2 We _____ a new car about a month ago.
- 3 I _____ about my cousin yesterday because it was her birthday.
- 4 Aristotle _____ Alexander the Great when he was at school.
- 5 I _____ my homework to school, but now I can't find it.
- 6 We _____ the train at six o'clock in the morning.

bring - brought
buy - bought
catch - caught
fight - fought
teach - taught
think - thought



SAM KODO from Togo, in Africa, is an

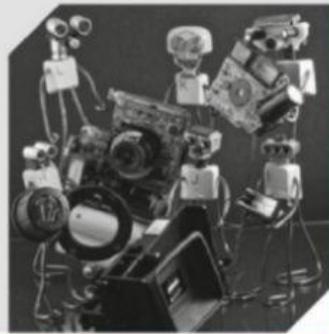
inventor and a businessman – and he

1 _____ (become) an inventor

when he was very young. When he 2 _____ (be) only seven years old, he 3 _____ (build) his own robot. The robot 4 _____ (can) move around a room and follow instructions. Sam's father teaches at the university in Lomé, the capital of Togo. At a young age, Sam often 5 _____ (go) with his father to work and 6 _____ (read) books in the library there. His favourite books 7 _____ (be) about electronics. Sam 8 _____ (begin) to make things using old parts from broken TVs and other electrical devices. Sometimes, he

9 _____ (break) his own toys to get the parts! When he was fifteen, he

10 _____ (make) his first smartphone and PC. Now Sam has his own computer company in Togo.



inventor - изобретатель

follow the instructions -

следовать инструкциям

broken - сломанный

device - устройство