

Past Simple Tense

1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **skated** / **skatted** across the ice.
- 2 The lions **stoped** / **stopped** in the middle of the road.
- 3 My teacher **helpped** / **helped** me with my project.
- 4 We were there **last summer** / **summer ago**.
- 5 They were lost and **couldn't** / **could** find the path.
- 6 He called **last five minutes** / **five minutes ago**.
- 7 I **studyed** / **studied** ten different subjects last year.
- 8 The safari park **was** / **were** very crowded.
- 9 We **carried** / **carried** the books for the teacher.
- 10 **Were** / **Was** they in the school play?

2 Complete the email with the affirmative or negative past simple form of the verbs below.

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Hi Liam

We ¹ _____ in Australia a few days ago. The flight ² _____ really long – 23 hours! But we ³ _____ see the Great Barrier Reef from the plane – amazing! We ⁴ _____ very tired at first, but I feel OK now. I ⁵ _____ to get up at the normal time on Tuesday, but I ⁶ _____ wake up. Yesterday we ⁷ _____ the area near the hotel. There is one really excellent restaurant nearby. I ⁸ _____ to the waiter. He's from England and ⁹ _____ here fifteen years ago! He ¹⁰ _____ a woman from Brisbane. He loves it and doesn't want to go back! No wonder – it's great here!

Write soon!

Best wishes,

Finlay