

GRAMMAR

Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs)

Regular verbs

It *looked* pinkish orange. The storms *didn't move*. When *did that happen*?

Irregular verbs

We *saw* an unusual storm. I *didn't know* what to do. *Did you take* any photos? Yes, I *did*./No, I *didn't*.

We use the Past Simple with past time expressions, e.g. *yesterday, last week/year, two hours/days/weeks/years ago, in April, in 1595*.

- 1 Match infinitives 1–5 with their Past Simple forms a–e.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> c | become | a took |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> see | | b thought |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> know | | c became |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> think | | d knew |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> take | | e saw |

- 2 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- I was tired and I *wanted* (want) to go home.
- I *not stay* (not stay) inside when it rained, so I got wet.
- My dad *study* (study) Maths at university.
- Ralph *not help* (not help) us to organise the party last week.
- I *spot* (spot) Tim in the park yesterday.
- Sara *not look* (not look) very happy yesterday.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of these pairs of verbs.

feel, make / get, not go / meet, not like
not take, go / see, not know

- We were scared when we *saw* the flood and we *didn't know* what to do.
- Jake *many photos* when he *to Canada* last year.
- The storm *quite bad*, so we *outside*.
- I *really happy* with the app that I *in the IT lesson*.
- She *George* last year, but she *him* at first.

- 4 Complete the dialogues. Use the Past Simple.

1 A: Where *did you save* our presentation?
B: I saved it in a new folder on the desktop.

2 A: When *the hurricane* ?
B: It happened on Tuesday night.

3 A: Where *your coat*?
B: I put it in the kitchen.

4 A: *any photos of the storm*?
B: No, I didn't.

5 A: When *to Paris*?
B: I moved to Paris last summer.

- 5 Complete the text with the Past Simple form of these verbs.

become feel help not sleep not stop
not think not want see visit watch

Wow! What amazing weather! ¹ *Did you see* the snowstorm last night? It started at about eight o'clock and at first, I ² *it was* very bad. But the snow soon ³ *quite* thick on the ground. It ⁴ *snowing* for hours! I ⁵ *at all* because I ⁶ *so excited* – I ⁷ *to miss anything!* This morning, some friends ⁸ *us* and ⁹ *us to clear* the snow away from our door. I don't know about the weather today. ¹⁰ *you* *the weather forecast this morning?* What's the weather like where you are?

- 6 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Yes, I ¹ *saw* the snowstorm ² *night* – it was amazing! The last storm like this was five years ³ *. It* ⁴ *place* ⁵ *December*, right at the beginning of the winter. We made some amazing snowmen that year, but unfortunately, they ⁶ *last* very long because the snow soon melted. I posted some photos yesterday, when the storm started. ⁷ *you see them?*