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## GRAMMAR

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## 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"/> become | a took              |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> see    | b thought           |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> know   | c <del>became</del> |
| 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) inside when it rained, so I got wet.
- My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (study) Maths at university.
- Ralph \_\_\_\_\_ (not help) us to organise the party last week.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (spot) Tim in the park yesterday.
- Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (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.

- A: Where **did you save** our presentation?  
B: I saved it in a new folder on the desktop.
- A: When \_\_\_\_\_ the hurricane \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: It happened on Tuesday night.
- A: Where \_\_\_\_\_ your coat?  
B: I put it in the kitchen.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ any photos of the storm?  
B: No, I didn't.
- 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! <sup>1</sup> **Did** you **see** the snowstorm last night? It started at about eight o'clock and at first, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it was very bad. But the snow soon <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ quite thick on the ground. It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ snowing for hours! I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at all because I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so excited – I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to miss anything! This morning, some friends <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us to clear the snow away from our door. I don't know about the weather today. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>1</sup> **saw** the snowstorm <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ night – it was amazing! The last storm like this was five years <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ place <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ December, right at the beginning of the winter. We made some amazing snowmen that year, but unfortunately, they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ last very long because the snow soon melted. I posted some photos yesterday, when the storm started. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you see them?