

## Present Simple vs Past Simple



### Quiz Time

In pairs, complete the sentences and answer the quiz. Compare your answers with the rest of the class.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> He ..... (star) in the Harry Potter films.            | a Queen Elizabeth I       |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> He ..... (discover) penicillin.                       | b Ruth Handler            |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Leonardo Da Vinci ..... (paint) this famous painting. | c Italy                   |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> They ..... (design) the Parthenon.                    | d Shakespeare             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> He ..... (write) <i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i> .          | e The <i>Mona Lisa</i>    |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> She ..... (be) the daughter of King Henry VIII.       | f Iktinos and Kallikrates |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> This country ..... (win) the World Cup in 2006.       | g Alexander Fleming       |
| 8 <input type="checkbox"/> She ..... (invent) the Barbie doll.                   | h Daniel Radcliffe        |

### Present Simple vs Past Simple

We use the **present simple** for permanent states and repeated or habitual actions.

Tom **is** a student. He **goes** to school every day.  
He usually **goes** to school by bus.

**Time expressions used with the present simple:**

every day / week / month / year, usually, often, always, rarely, never, sometimes, in the morning / evening / afternoon, at night, etc.

We use the **past simple** for actions which finished at a stated time in the past.

He **bought** a new car last week.

**Time expressions used with the past simple:**

yesterday, then, when, last night / week / month / year, a week / month / year ago, two days ago, in 2003, etc.

### 8 Circle the correct item.

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|---|---|
| 1 Dad <b>doesn't buy</b> / <b>didn't buy</b> a new car last week. | 5 Do you <b>brush</b> / <b>brushed</b> your teeth every night?          |
| 2 Mum always <b>cooks</b> / <b>cooked</b> chicken on Mondays.     | 6 The boys <b>don't play</b> / <b>didn't play</b> football last Sunday. |
| 3 Do you <b>like</b> / <b>liked</b> chips?                        | 7 Did Emily <b>come</b> / <b>came</b> to the party?                     |
| 4 Mary <b>leaves</b> / <b>left</b> for Italy last month.          | 8 I <b>don't watch</b> / <b>didn't watch</b> TV last night.             |

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9 Write what Edward usually *does* and what he *did* yesterday.



- finish / work / 3:30 pm
- finish / work / 2:00 pm



- go / home / by train
- go / home / by taxi



- eat / dinner / home
- eat / dinner / restaurant



- go / bed / early
- go / bed / late

1 Edward usually finishes work at 3:30 pm, but yesterday, he finished work at 2:00 pm.

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

10 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

1 We ..... *went* ..... (go) to the beach last weekend.

2 ..... (your mum/make) a chocolate cake yesterday?

3 Dad ..... (not/work) on Sundays.

4 He ..... (not/come) to the party last Saturday.

5 My cousins ..... (not/visit) us every weekend.

6 ..... (Julia/wear) jeans to school yesterday?

7 The children always ..... (do) their homework in their rooms.

8 I ..... (send) Claire an email yesterday afternoon.

11 Complete the sentences with the time expressions from the list.

at the moment      always      yesterday      ~~last night~~      every week      last summer

1 We watched a really good film at the cinema .... *last night* ....

2 I went to a beautiful exotic island ..... The weather was very hot.

3 My mother does the shopping .....

4 I am working ..... I can't come with you.

5 She ..... brushes her teeth before she goes to bed at night.

6 He is upset because he failed his driving test .....