

Past simple (negative and interrogative)

I can use the past simple to describe events.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct negative past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- We _____ (get) to the hotel in time for dinner.
- Our team _____ (win) the last match of the season.
- It was a long film, but I _____ (feel) bored.
- They _____ (spend) all their money on holiday.
- My aunt _____ (be) at the family wedding last weekend.
- Our teacher _____ (give) us a lot of homework.
- It _____ (rain) at all last month.
- I enjoyed the film, but I _____ (can) understand all of the dialogue.

2 Complete the first part of each sentence with the correct past simple negative form.



- I ~~didn't go~~ skiing last winter, I went snowboarding.
- Einstein _____ in 1965, he died in 1955.
- The holidays _____ yesterday, they began last week.
- My grandparents _____ born in Russia, they were born in Germany.
- I _____ 'thirteen', I said 'thirty'.
- We _____ the first half of the match, but we saw the second half.
- At the age of five, I _____ ride a bike, but I could ski.
- It _____ warm yesterday, but it was sunny.

3 Make these sentences true for you. Use the past simple affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ (can) swim when I was five.
- Last weekend, I _____ (do) a lot of homework.
- Five years ago, I _____ (be) a student at this school.
- Ten years ago, I _____ (live) in a different town.
- I _____ (make) my own breakfast this morning.
- I _____ (choose) the clothes I'm wearing now.
- Last night, I _____ (go) out with my friends.
- When I was six, I _____ (study) English.

4 Complete the dialogue with the question words below.

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- Mia Hi, Henry. ¹ _____ did you do at the weekend?
- Henry I went to the beach on Saturday.
- Mia That's nice! ² _____ did you go with?
- Henry Matt and Alex.
- Mia Alex West? ³ _____ do you see him?
- Henry Only two or three times a year. He doesn't live near here any more.
- Mia ⁴ _____ does he live now?
- Henry In London.
- Mia Does he? ⁵ _____ part of London?
- Henry I'm not sure. North London, I think.
- Mia ⁶ _____ did he move?
- Henry I think his mum got a new job. Anyway, ⁷ _____ did you last see him?
- Mia Oh, about two years ago.

5 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write answers that are true for you.

- 1 homework / how much / last / did / you / night / do / ?

- 2 with / travel / did / to / school / you / who / today / ?

- 3 best / meet / where / you / did / friend / your / ?

- 4 first / teacher / who / your / was / English / ?

6 Read the sentences. Then write questions for the given answers.

- 1 Jack gave his old bike to his sister.

Q: What did Jack give his sister?

A: His old bike.

- 2 Sam had dinner early because he was hungry.

Q: _____?

A: He was hungry.

- 3 Mason and Tyler went to London together.

Q: _____?

A: He went with Tyler.

- 4 Grace listened to three Lady Gaga CDs.

Q: _____?

A: Three.