

Past simple (affirmative)

I can use the past simple affirmative.

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the regular verbs below.

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study talk want

- My dad _____ maths at university.
- We live in Oxford. We _____ here five years ago.
- Jason _____ at me and smiled.
- The train _____ at the station and we got off.
- Jenny _____ on the phone with her friend for over two hours!
- In the end, we _____ to go on holiday to Italy, not to France.
- The goalkeeper had the ball, but then he _____ it.
- My mum _____ my dad in 1988.
- I _____ to go to the shopping mall, but my mum said no.
- Sadly, my grandma _____ last year. She was 98.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple affirmative form of the irregular verbs in brackets.

- Emma tried on a green dress and a blue dress in the clothes shop, and _____ (choose) the blue one.
- I _____ (find) £20 in the street last Saturday.
- We _____ (go) bowling yesterday evening.
- Somebody _____ (steal) my smartphone from my schoolbag.
- The film _____ (begin) at seven and finished at ten.
- It _____ (take) six hours to drive from London to Edinburgh.
- Hannah _____ (feel) relieved when she got her exam results.
- Tom and Matt _____ (be) upset that George didn't invite them to his party.
- We _____ (get) home at eight o'clock on Sunday.
- Millie _____ (spend) all her money on computer games.

3 Complete the texts with the past simple affirmative of the verbs in brackets.

Callie Rogers ¹ _____ (be) just sixteen when she ² _____ (win) the lottery in 2003. She ³ _____ (give) up her job as a shop assistant and ⁴ _____ (start) to spend her money. She ⁵ _____ (take) her family on expensive holidays, ⁶ _____ (invite) all her friends to big parties every weekend and ⁷ _____ (have) cosmetic surgery. Ten years later, she ⁸ _____ (have) just £2,000 left. But she's happy now. 'I ⁹ _____ (be) too young to win the lottery,' she ¹⁰ _____ (say).

4 Correct the verbs in sentences 1–5.

- We was at home last night. ~~X~~ _____
- I dropped my phone on the floor. ~~X~~ _____
- I gived my brother a book for his birthday. ~~X~~ _____
- My sister studied maths at university. ~~X~~ _____
- I spended all my pocket money on sweets. ~~X~~ _____

5 Write five true sentences about what you did last weekend. Use past simple forms of the verbs below to help you, or your own ideas.

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take talk visit watch

- _____
- _____
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Tom Crist ¹¹ _____ (get) a big surprise when he ¹² _____ (answer) his phone on 16 December 2013. He ¹³ _____ (be) a lottery winner, and the prize ¹⁴ _____ (be) enormous – \$40 million! He ¹⁵ _____ (decide) not to tell anyone about the win. He immediately ¹⁶ _____ (give) all the money to charities. 'I don't really need that money,' he ¹⁷ _____ (say). 'My wife ¹⁸ _____ (die) earlier in the year so I ¹⁹ _____ (choose) cancer charities that ²⁰ _____ (help) her.'