

LANGUAGE REFERENCE

UNIT 2

Past simple

Affirmative	Negative
I / You / He / She / It / We / They went to a museum.	I / You / He / She / It / We / They did not (didn't) go to a museum.
be	
I / He / She / It was bored.	I / He / She / It was not (wasn't) bored.
You / We / They were bored.	You / We / They were not (weren't) bored.

- We use the past simple to talk about completed events and actions in the past.
He watched a history documentary last night.
We were tired after the journey.
- Most verbs in the past simple end in **-ed**.
want - wanted need - needed show - showed
- For verbs ending in **-e**, add **-d**.
live - lived hate - hated phone - phoned
- For verbs ending **consonant + -y**, we remove the **-y** and add **-ied**.
study - studied carry - carried marry - married
- For verbs ending **consonant + vowel + consonant**, we double the final consonant and add **-ed**.
shop - shopped travel - travelled stop - stopped
- Some past simple verbs are irregular.
become - became come - came put - put
- See the irregular verbs list on page 111.
- To form the past simple negative, we use **subject + did not (didn't) + infinitive** without **to**.
Borja didn't finish his homework last night.
- To form the past simple negative of **be**, add **not (n't)**.
Mum wasn't very happy about my exam results.

Question	Short answer
Did I / you / he / she / it / we / they go to a museum?	Yes, I / you / he / she / it / we / they did. No, I / you / he / she / it / we / they didn't.
be	
Was I / he / she / it bored?	Yes, I / he / she / it was. No, I / he / she / it wasn't.
Were you / we / they bored?	Yes, you / we / they were. No, you / we / they weren't.

- To form past simple questions, we use **Did + subject + infinitive** without **to**.
Did Tom enjoy the concert yesterday?
- We put question words before **did**.
What did you do last weekend?
- To form past questions with **be**, change the word order.
Were you late to class this morning?

there was/there were

	Affirmative	Negative
Singular	There was a bowl / some food.	There was not (wasn't) a bowl / any food.
Plural	There were some forks.	There were not (weren't) any forks.

- We use **there was** and **there were** to talk about what existed in the past.
- We use **there was** with singular countable and uncountable nouns.
There was a book here. There was milk in the cup.
- We use **there were** with plural countable nouns.
There were a lot of tourists in our town last weekend.
- We use **some** after **there was/were** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.
There was some water in the bottle.
There were some houses here years ago.
- We use **any** after **there wasn't/weren't** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.
There wasn't any money in the purse.
There weren't any cups.

	Question	Short answer
Singular	Was there a bowl / any food?	Yes, there was. No, there wasn't.
Plural	Were there any forks?	Yes, there were. No, there weren't.

- In questions, we usually use **any** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.
Was there any bread at home?
Were there any interesting objects at the museum?
- We don't repeat **any** in short answers.
A *Was there any news about Laura?*
B *No, there wasn't (NOT No, there wasn't any.)*

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

UNIT 2

past simple

- 1 Complete the table with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

cry like plan smile stay stop tidy wait

add -ed	ending in -e, add -d	remove -y, add -ied	double final consonant, add -ed
1 waited	3	5	7
2	4	6	8

- 2 Write sentences with the past simple.

- Tom / wait / three hours / for the train
Tom waited three hours for the train.
- Joanna / not go / to school / last week
- Rosie and Sarah / not feel / tired after the journey
- The journey / take / ten hours!
- I / buy / some / new shoes

- 3 Write past simple questions and short answers about the people in the table.

	Holly	Maria and Sam	Ivan
go cinema	(1) X	(2) ✓	(3) ✓
eat pizza	(4) ✓	(5) X	(6) X

- Did Holly go to the cinema?
No, she didn't.
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- 4 Complete the question for each answer.

- A What did you drink?
B I drank some cola.
- A Where ?
B He went to a concert.
- A When ?
B They started school in January.
- A Who ?
B She met her sister.
- A What ?
B He ate a hot dog.
- A Why ?
B They stayed at home because it was foggy.

there was/there were

- 5 Complete the text with *there was(n't)/there were(n't)*.

When I was at primary school ¹ ~~there weren't~~ a lot of exams and ² a lot of students in my class – I think ³ only nine or ten of us. In my classroom ⁴ an internet connection or an electronic board, but it was beautiful. ⁵ pictures and stories on the walls and ⁶ a storytelling hour every day. ⁷ any computers or laptops in our class, but we loved writing on the little green board!

- 6 Circle the correct options.

- Were there a / some / (any) posters on the walls?
- There wasn't an / some / any exam every week.
- There weren't a / some / any computers.
- Was there a / some / any board in the classroom?
- There wasn't a / some / any window in the classroom.
- There were an / some / any interesting storybooks.

- 7 Complete the questions with *Was there* or *Were there*.

- Were there many people at the party?
- any good TV programmes on last night?
- a party at your house last night?
- an exam at school last week?
- three or four students in the library?