

## 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.
<i>be</i>	
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.
<i>be</i>	
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.  
*There was a book here.* *There was milk in the cup.*
- 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

### 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.

1 Tom / wait / three hours / for the train  
Tom waited three hours for the train.

2 Joanna / not go / to school / last week

3 Rosie and Sarah / not feel / tired after the journey

4 The journey / take / ten hours!

5 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

1 Did Holly go to the cinema?  
No, she didn't.

2

3

4

5

6

4 Complete the question for each answer.

1 A What did you drink?  
B I drank some cola.

2 A Where  
B He went to a concert.

3 A When  
B They started school in January.

4 A Who  
B She met her sister.

5 A What  
B He ate a hot dog.

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

6 Circle the correct options.

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

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

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