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.*~~)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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) ✗	(2) ✓	(3) ✓
eat pizza	(4) ✓	(5) ✗	(6) ✗

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 [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.**

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?

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