

Simple Past

past

present

When to use

- (finished) actions / events in the past

Example: I flew to Italy last summer.

- events that happened regularly in the past

Example: I always went to school by bus in primary school.

SIGNAL WORDS

last year / month

two weeks ago

last summer

yesterday

in 2008

your examples



How to form

+

subject

+ 2nd form of the verb

We **went** to Paris last year.

My family and I **visited** many sights in our last holiday.

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didn't (did not)

+ infinitive form of the verb

The French **didn't speak** English that much.

Sometimes we **didn't understand** them.

?

question words

Who...

Where... Why...

When did you go?

?

yes/no questions

Did he leave?

to be

I / he / she / it **was**

you / we / you / they **were**

to stop → stopped

to cry → cried

to arrive → arrived

short answers



Yes, he did.



No, he didn't.

1. Complete the story of Jenny's holiday. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense

Jenny ¹ *was* (be) very happy. It ² _____ (be) the first day of her holiday. She ³ _____ (pack) her suitcase and ⁴ _____ (put) her ticket and passport in her rucksack. She ⁵ _____ (leave) the luggage in the hall and ⁶ _____ (phone) for a taxi. Then she ⁷ _____ (wait), but the taxi ⁸ _____ (be) late. When the taxi finally ⁹ _____ (arrive), Jenny ¹⁰ _____ (rush) to the door. She ¹¹ _____ (forget) that her suitcase and rucksack ¹² _____ (be) in the hall. She ¹³ _____ (trip) over them, ¹⁴ _____ (fall) and ¹⁵ _____ (break) her arm. The taxi driver ¹⁶ _____ (not take) Jenny to the airport. He ¹⁷ _____ (take) her to the hospital. So Jenny ¹⁸ _____ (not go) on holiday. She ¹⁹ _____ (stay) at home for two weeks. And the weather ²⁰ _____ (be) terrible. It ²¹ _____ (rain) every day. Jenny ²² _____ (not be) happy.

2. Now, put the pictures in the correct order (1-6)



3. Complete the blanks with the verbs supplied either in the affirmative or negative form.



1. He _____
(not) home
before 5 o'clock.



2. I _____
a huge fish the
other day.



3. Billy _____
(not) the stop
sign.



4. He _____
to put on his
trousers.



5. I _____
the lottery last
week.



6. Mr. Simpson

(not) at the traffic
sign.



7. I _____
(not) early this
morning.



8. He _____
this treasure by
chance.



9. He _____
(not) much last
night.



10. I _____
all my old things
yesterday.

see • be • find • buy • build • catch • feel • have • sleep • rob
sell • know • meet • stop • break • win • forget • wake up • go • call



11. I _____
my house in 1990.



12. He _____
a bank five
minutes ago.



13. We _____
(not) what to do
at the time.



14. My boyfriend

(not) me.



15. She _____
(not) on time for
class yesterday.



16. Peter

(not) very well
last night.



17. He _____
his leg last
Christmas.



18. I _____
this diamond ring
last month.



19. He _____
her last Friday.



20. I _____
a bad headache
some days ago.