

07 The past simple

The past simple is used to talk about completed actions that happened at a fixed time in the past. It is the most commonly used past tense in English.



7.1 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE PAST SIMPLE VERBS IN THE PANEL

After work, Phil listened to music.

- 1 I cleaned my bedroom this morning.
- 2 We played football in the afternoon.
- 3 After his dinner, Alex watched a movie on TV.
- 4 My wife visited her parents yesterday.
- 5 Lucia danced with her friends at the party.

played
listened watched
visited danced
cleaned



7.2 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

After I finished work

- 1 Terry usually takes the metro to work,
- 2 I arrived at work early
- 3 In the morning we walked to
- 4 Angela cried when she
- 5 We usually go to France
- 6 Jemma washed the dishes
- 7 Roger listened to some music

so I checked my email.

the old town and visited the museum.

I decided to go for a swim.

but yesterday he walked instead.

after she finished her dinner.

then started reading his new book.

heard the sad news.

but last year we traveled around Russia.



7.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

hurried catch The last to the children bus.

The children hurried to catch the last bus.

1 so felt to she Amy doctor. sick, went the

2 walk I but to usually the yesterday I café, drove.

3 laughed Martin's she joke. Mia heard when



7.4 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE



Jason ~~steperd~~ / ~~stepped~~ off the bus and headed toward the café.

1 Simone ~~tryed~~ / ~~tried~~ to open the door, but it was completely stuck.

2 Elena ~~decideed~~ / ~~decided~~ to wear a nice dress to the dinner party that evening.

3 Chan ~~washed~~ / ~~washd~~ the dishes after she and Dan had eaten.

4 Stephan and Klara ~~hurried~~ / ~~hurryed~~ to catch the last train home.

5 The waiter ~~dropped~~ / ~~droped~~ the dishes onto the floor.

6 Megan ~~carryed~~ / ~~carried~~ the files into the office.



7.5 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PAST SIMPLE

When I was a kid I had (have) two hamsters named Kim and Star.

- 1 Marilyn go (go) with Clive to the exhibition at the gallery.
- 2 I see (see) Phil and Dan at the party last night.
- 3 Sheila swim (swim) across the lake to the island.
- 4 I drink (drink) a large bottle of water after the race.
- 5 We drive (drive) to a beautiful resort in the mountains.
- 6 Carol put (put) her cup down on the table.
- 7 Seb do (do) his homework on the bus to school.
- 8 Omar buy (buy) a scarf for his wife at the market.
- 9 She draw (draw) a beautiful picture of a cherry tree.



7.6 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "WAS" OR "WERE"

Irena and Jon were students together in Madrid.

- 1 You were at Paulina's party on Saturday.
- 2 Joanna was very tired after the flight to Australia.
- 3 My parents were delighted when I passed all my exams.
- 4 There were so many people waiting to buy a ticket.
- 5 I was upset when I lost my purse.
- 6 Liam was a pilot for more than 40 years.
- 7 There was a loud bang in the kitchen.
- 8 My cousins were famous dancers in the 1990s.
- 9 We were at the convention last year.



7.7 REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING THE PAST SIMPLE

Sam **goes** running with friends in the local park.

Sam **went** running with friends in the local park.



1 Robin **wants** to go skiing in the winter.



2 Julie and Scott **drink** a lot of coffee at the café.



3 Eli **goes** camping in the woods last summer.



4 Jon **plays** rugby on Saturday afternoon.



5 I **watch** TV dramas until late last night.



6 We **go** to a jazz club to listen to live music.



7 Sadiq's dog **barks** in the yard all evening.



8 The pollution in my city **is** very bad.



9 Angelo **eats** an apple for his lunch.



10 Kyle **makes** his bed after getting up in the morning.



11 Tina **plays** the piano with her little brother.



08 The past simple negative

The past simple negative is used to talk about things that did not happen in the past. It is always formed the same way, unless the main verb is "be."



8.1 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

I didn't walk to work today.

1 Emily didn't go to the party

2 The sports car cost a huge amount,

3 Ben was upset because

4 My uncle didn't enjoy the film

5 The teacher shouted at me

6 Katie is very shy, so

because she felt tired.

Jenny didn't call him on his birthday.

I took the train instead.

so we didn't buy it.

she didn't talk to anyone at the party.

because he hates science fiction.

because I didn't do my homework.



8.2 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT



Joanne and Greg didn't knew which road to take to get to the restaurant.

Joanne and Greg didn't know which road to take to get to the restaurant.



Zehra didn't played football yesterday. She went fishing.

Zehra didn't play football yesterday. She went fishing.



Michael did not like the burger he ordered, so he sent it back.

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I didn't went out last night; I stayed in and watched TV instead.

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8.3 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

Lloyd ~~wasn't / weren't~~ happy with the new computer he'd just bought.

- 1 There ~~wasn't / weren't~~ enough sandwiches for everyone.
- 2 I ~~not did / did not finish~~ mowing the lawn because I was tired.
- 3 The book ~~wasn't / weren't~~ interesting, so I watched TV instead.
- 4 Joe ~~didn't make / didn't made~~ enough potatoes for everyone.
- 5 The students ~~not understood / didn't understand~~ the teacher.
- 6 There ~~wasn't / weren't~~ many people at the concert last night.
- 7 It ~~wasn't / weren't~~ very warm outside, so we stayed at home.
- 8 My brother ~~didn't enjoy / didn't enjoyed~~ the movie very much.



8.4 WRITE EACH SENTENCE IN ITS OTHER FORM

Paula was on time for work today.

Paula wasn't on time for work today.

- 1 We spoke to Ellen.
- 2 They were not happy.
- 3 They were late.
- 4 I didn't wait for Carl.
- 5 Lola understood.
- 6 Brendan wasn't there.
- 7 They paid the bill.
- 8 Hugh did not talk to me.
- 9 Claire ate the cake.
- 10 She didn't go swimming.

09 Past simple questions

Questions in the past simple are formed using "did."

For past simple questions with "be," the subject and the verb "was" or "were" are swapped around.



9.1 MATCH THE STATEMENTS TO THEIR QUESTION FORMS

You sold your house recently.

- 1 Salvador won the lottery.
- 2 Peter took a shower earlier.
- 3 They drank all the juice.
- 4 Nick washed the dishes.
- 5 Sam bought a sports car.
- 6 They built a new house.

Did Peter take a shower earlier?

Did they drink all the juice?

Did you sell your house recently?

Did Salvador win the lottery?

Did they build a new house?

Did Nick wash the dishes?

Did Sam buy a sports car?



9.2 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT QUESTIONS



How was your band practice yesterday?



Were you at the party last night?



Why was Xander late for the meeting?



Was it very windy on the island?



9.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

you down? Where broke when were car your

Where were you when your car broke down?

1 the Did for take walk? you dog a

2 did home night? you last How get

3 food the Greece? was in like What



9.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Did Josie **went** to work today? She said she was feeling unwell last night.

Did Josie go to work today? She said she was feeling unwell last night.



1 Why **you were** both so late for work this morning?



2 Were Katie pleased with the present **you got** her?



3 Did **you took** any good photos while you were on vacation?



4 What the weather **was like** while you were in Greece?



5 Where **you did** buy that lovely suit, Vincent?

