12 Family memories

The past simple (1): *have*
The past simple (2): *be*
Connectors

The past simple: **have** and **be**



Have

Affirmative	Negative	Short forms
I **had**	I **did not have**	I **didn't have**
you **had**	you **did not have**	you **didn't have**
he **had**	he **did not have**	you **didn't have**
she **had**	she **did not have**	she **didn't have**
it **had**	it **did not have**	it **didn't have**
we **had**	we **did not have**	we **didn't have**
you **had**	you **did not have**	you **didn't have**
they **had**	they **did not have**	they **didn't have**

Look at the starter unit for the past tense of **be**.

We use **had** to talk about appearance and possessions in the past. The affirmative form of **had** doesn't change. The negative form always uses **did**.

*I **had** very long hair when I was fifteen.* *We **had** a cat.*

1 Write sentences using the past simple of be.

1 Rob / handsome / ✗
Rob wasn't handsome.

2 Chloe and Eric / clever / ✓
_____

3 Eric and Mia / friendly / ✗
_____

4 Julia and Kate / pretty / ✓
_____

5 Chloe / pretty / ✓
_____

6 Rob / clever / ✓
_____

7 Kate / clever / ✗
_____

8 Eric / handsome / ✗
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Look at the pictures of the Hill family when they were younger. True or false? Write T or F.



Bob had red hair. T



Sue had fair hair. _____



Philip had dark hair. _____



Cathy had black hair. _____



Jill and Julie had long hair. _____

3 Write sentences about the Hill family. Use the past simple negative of have.

1 Bob / brown hair
Bob didn't have brown hair. He had red hair.

2 Sue / short hair
_____

3 Philip / fair hair
_____

4 Cathy / short hair
_____

5 Jill and Julie / short hair
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Look at the picture. Complete the sentences below with the past simple of be or have.



1 Harry / a baby
Harry was a baby.

2 Mrs Jones / long hair
Mrs Jones had long hair.

3 Charlie and Mr Jones / happy

4 Mr Jones / cheerful

5 Molly / young

6 Grandma Jones / pretty

7 Grandpa Jones / hungry

8 the weather / sunny

9 Mrs Jones and Harry / brown hair

10 Charlie / a bike

LIVEWORKSHEETS