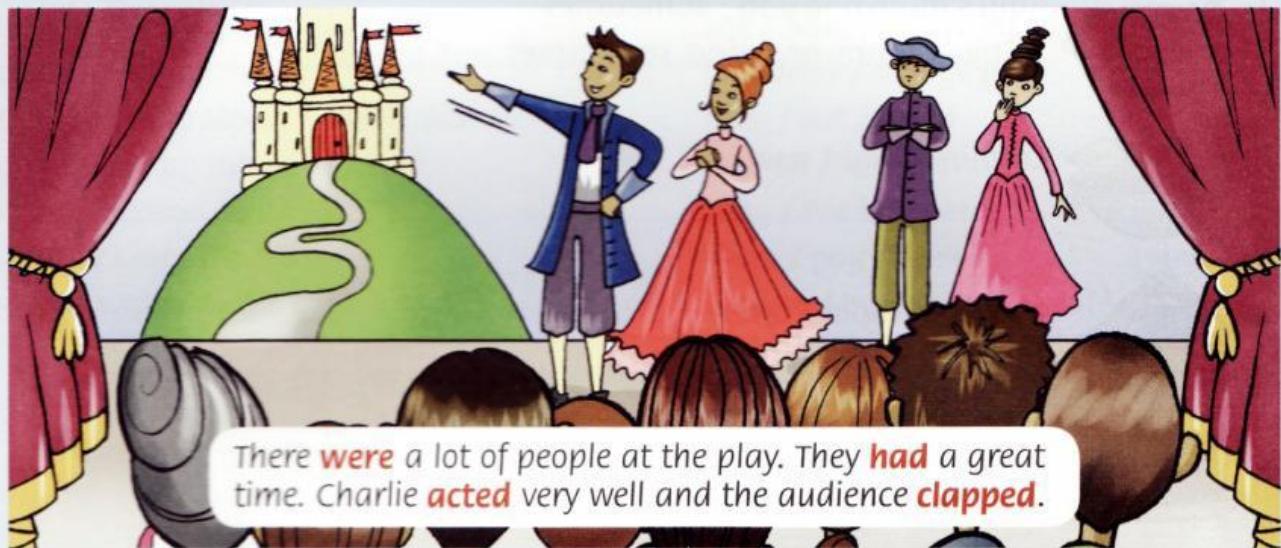


## 2 A school play

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### The past simple: *be, have* and regular verbs



There **were** a lot of people at the play. They **had** a great time. Charlie **acted** very well and the audience **clapped**.



When we form the past simple, we add **-ed** or **-d** to most regular verbs.  
Here are some more rules:

Verb	Example	Change	Past simple	Negative
ends vowel + consonant	stop	double the last consonant + <b>-ed</b>	stopped	<b>didn't stop</b>
ends consonant + <b>-y</b>	tidy	<del>y</del> + <b>-ied</b>	tidied	<b>didn't tidy</b>
irregular verbs	be have	—	<b>was/were</b> <b>had</b>	<b>wasn't/weren't</b> <b>didn't have</b>

In questions we change the word order.

*Did Molly act in the play?*

Be is different.

*Were you excited? Was the play good?*

#### 1 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 There **was** / **were** a piano on the stage.
- 2 Ethan's voice **weren't** / **wasn't** very loud.
- 3 We **were** / **was** excited about the concert.
- 4 Why **was** / **were** Anna and Kate tired?
- 5 **Was** / **Were** you at home?
- 6 All our friends **were** / **was** in the audience.
- 7 Leo and Seb **wasn't** / **weren't** at the concert.
- 8 What **was** / **were** the name of the play?

## 2 Complete Harry's diary. Write **was**, **were** or **had**.

We <sup>1</sup> had a school play this week. Charlie <sup>2</sup>                    in it and our friends and family <sup>3</sup>                    in the audience. Last week, we <sup>4</sup>                    a concert at school. Mum and Dad <sup>5</sup>                    there, but our friends <sup>6</sup>                   .

Everyone <sup>7</sup>                    a programme about the concert. Molly played the piano, and her friends Suzy and Jane <sup>8</sup>                    recorders. It <sup>9</sup>                    very good, but Molly, Suzy and Jane <sup>10</sup>                    all very tired at the end.

## 3 Complete the sentences and questions. Use the past simple of **be** or **have**.

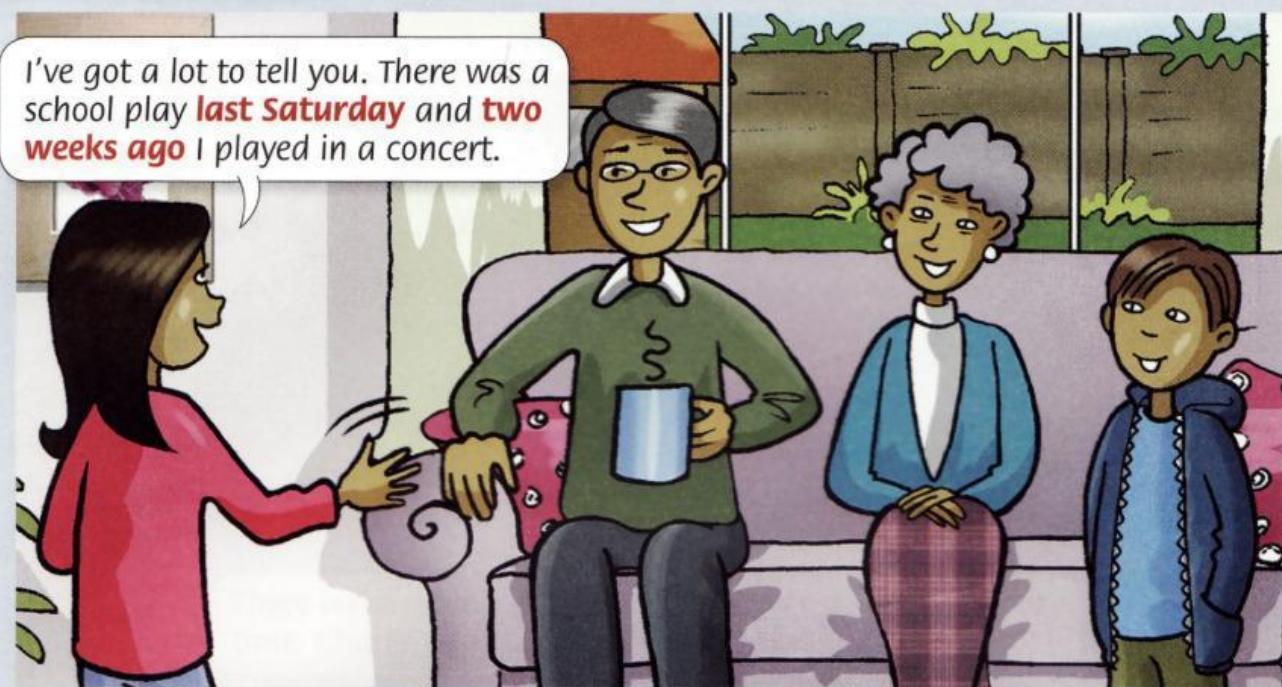
- 1 Phil's very happy because the exam wasn't very difficult.
- 2 I'm very hungry. I                    breakfast.
- 3                    Louise                    cake at the café?
- 4 The people in the audience                    a great time.
- 5 He                    ten yesterday.
- 6                    you at Emily's birthday party?
- 7 My grandparents                    rich. They lived in a very small house.
- 8 I                    a baby when we moved to London.
- 9                    the film good? Did you like it?
- 10 The homework                    hard. We all got good marks.

## 4 Complete the text. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

It <sup>1</sup> was (be) George's birthday party on Friday. We <sup>2</sup>                    (have) a great time. George <sup>3</sup>                    (invite) all his friends and everyone <sup>4</sup>                    (enjoy) it. The lights <sup>5</sup>                    (sparkle), we <sup>6</sup>                    (listen) to music and <sup>7</sup>                    (dance) all evening. We and <sup>8</sup>                    (play) games. I <sup>9</sup>                    (clap) when George <sup>10</sup>                    (open) his presents. We all <sup>11</sup>                    (tidy) up when the party <sup>12</sup>                    (end) and I <sup>13</sup>                    (not want) to go home!

## Past time expressions

I've got a lot to tell you. There was a school play **last Saturday** and **two weeks ago** I played in a concert.



We use these expressions to talk about when something happened in the past:

**last** + night / Friday / week / month / year

*I watched a good film **last Saturday**.*

**ago** after a period of time

*We went to London **three years ago**.*

**yesterday** + morning / afternoon / evening

*I emailed her **yesterday evening**.*

Time expressions can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.

*I played in a concert **last week**. **Last week**, I played in a concert.*

### 5 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Last week, Jane had a party.

Jane had a party week last.

2 Ago two weeks it was my birthday.

Two weeks ago it was my birthday.

3 Frank's birthday was yesterday.

Yesterday Frank's birthday was.

4 We had yesterday a big party.

We had a big party yesterday.

5 Tina had dinner evening yesterday.

Tina had dinner yesterday evening.

6 We played tennis ago two hours.

We played tennis two hours ago.

7 I had an exam yesterday afternoon.

I had an exam last afternoon.

8 I phoned you a Friday ago.

I phoned you last Friday.

6 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and a time expression from the box. Then rewrite each sentence with the time expression at the end.

Today is Saturday 15th November.

Last Saturday    Last month    Yesterday evening  
Last Monday    Yesterday    Last Thursday

1 Saturday  
8th November

Last Saturday, Clare played (play) tennis.

Clare played tennis last Saturday.

2 Tuesday  
3rd October

, it was (be) my birthday.

3 Thursday  
13th November

, Jason played (play) badminton with Henry.

4 Monday  
10th November

, I tidied (tidy) my room.

5 Friday  
14th November,  
7 p.m.

, we watched (watch) a play at the theatre.

6 Friday  
14th November

, Dad phoned (phone) Roger.

7 Look at the things that happened in exercise 6. Write when they happened. Use time expressions with **ago** and the words from the box.

Remember, today is Saturday 15th November. It is 9 a.m.

one week fourteen hours two days five days a month a day

1 one week ago

2

3

4

5

6