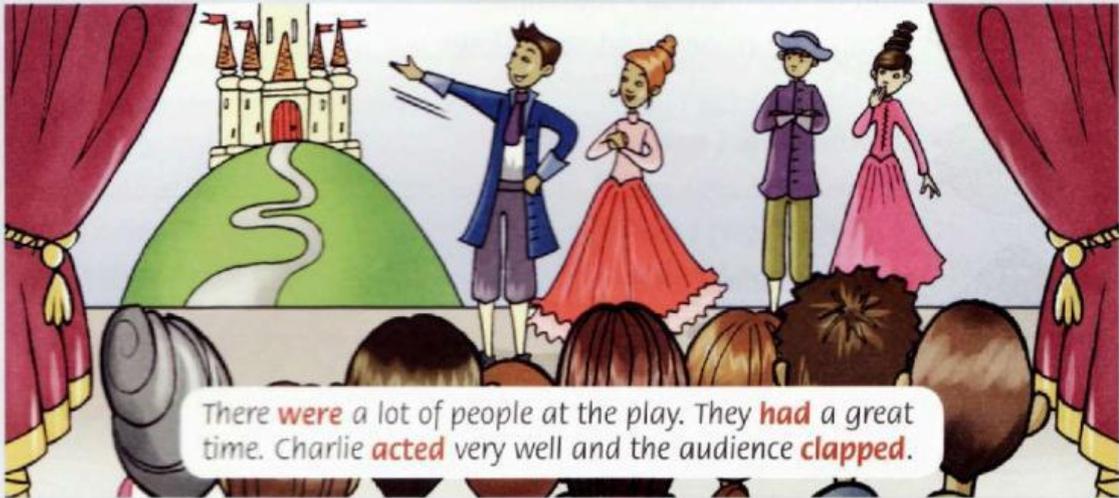


The past simple: *be, have* and regular verbs

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 + -ed	stopped	didn't stop
ends consonant + -y	tidy	y + -ied	tidied	didn't tidy
irregular verbs	be have	–	was/were had	wasn't/weren't didn't have

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.

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

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

We¹ had a school play this week. Charlie² _____ in it and our friends and family³ _____ in the audience. Last week, we⁴ _____ a concert at school. Mum and Dad⁵ _____ there, but our friends⁶ _____.

Everyone⁷ _____ a programme about the concert. Molly played the piano, and her friends Suzy and Jane recorders. It⁸ _____ very good, but Molly, Suzy and Jane¹⁰ _____ 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.

It¹ was (be) George's birthday party on Friday. We² _____ (have) a great time. George³ _____ (invite) all his friends and everyone⁴ _____ (enjoy) it. The lights⁵ _____ (sparkle), we⁶ _____ (listen) to music and⁷ _____ (dance) all evening. We and⁸ _____ (play) games. I⁹ _____ (clap) when George¹⁰ _____ (open) his presents. We all¹¹ _____ (tidy) up when the party¹² _____ (end) and I¹³ _____ (not want) to go home!