## The past simple: regular verbs

Charlie, Molly and Harry **played** games at the party. They **didn't watch** TV.

Generally, we add **-ed** to the end of the base form to form the past simple of regular verbs.

| Affirmative | Negative | Short forms |
|---|---|---|
| I wait**ed** | I **did not wait** | I **didn't wait** |
| you wait**ed** | you **did not wait** | you **didn't wait** |
| he wait**ed** | he **did not wait** | he **didn't wait** |
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Look at this other rule:

| Verb | Example | Add | Past simple |
|---|---|---|---|
| ends in -e | live | + **-d** | lived |



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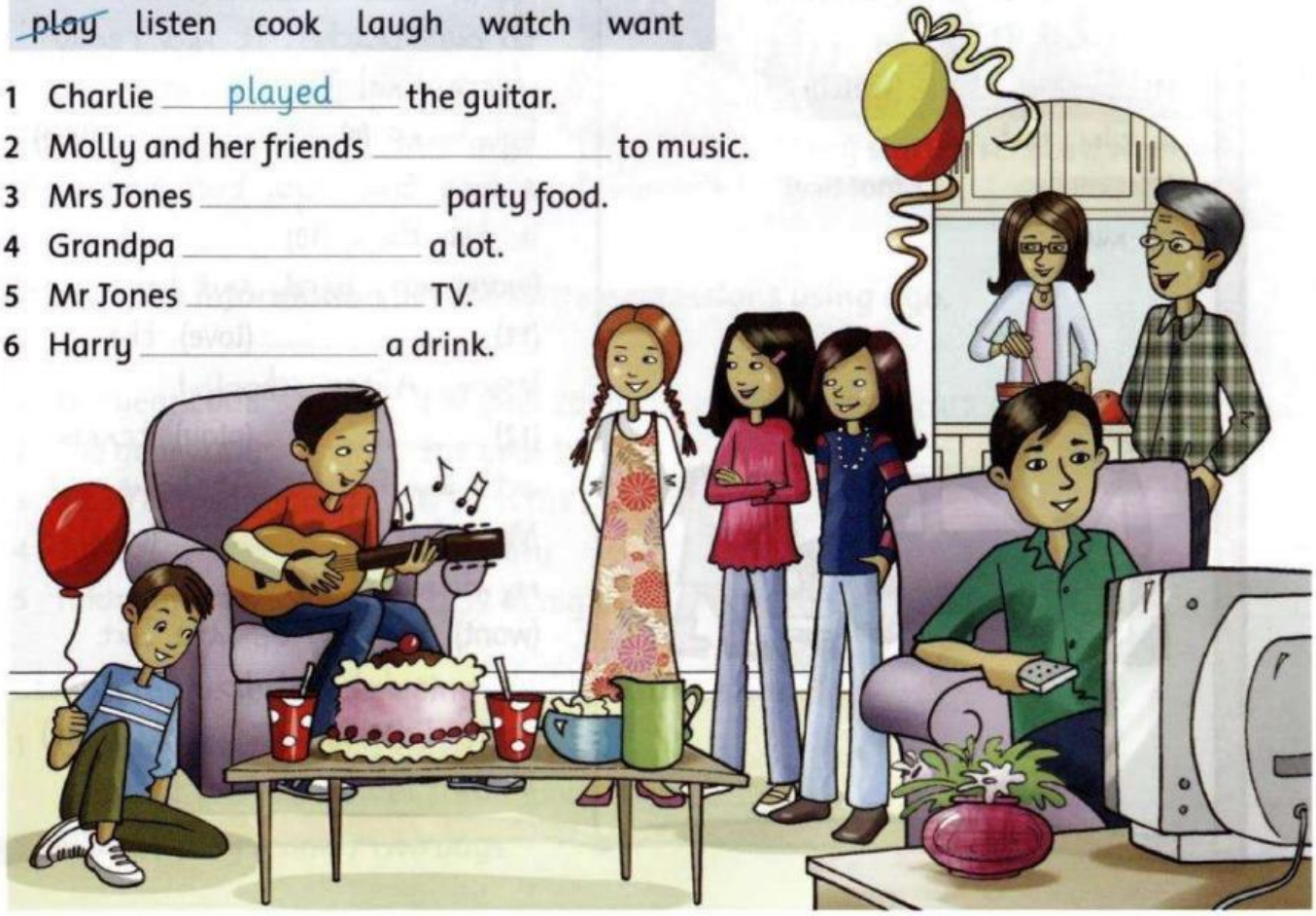
**1 Write the past simple affirmative of these verbs.**

1 watch watched
2 live _____
3 love _____
4 cook _____
5 start _____
5 laugh _____
7 finish _____
6 listen _____
9 hate _____
10 work _____

**2 Look at the picture. Complete these sentences about the party with a word from the box in the past simple.**

~~play~~ listen cook laugh watch want

1 Charlie played the guitar.
2 Molly and her friends _____ to music.
3 Mrs Jones _____ party food.
4 Grandpa _____ a lot.
5 Mr Jones _____ TV.
6 Harry _____ a drink.



**3 Make the sentences in exercise 2 negative.**

1 Charlie didn't play the guitar.
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____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**4 Complete Charlie's diary, using the past simple affirmative and negative of the verbs in brackets.**

**Sunday 11th May**

Harry and I (1) washed (wash) Dad's car. Well, I (2) _____ (start) to wash it, but Harry (3) _____ (not want) to finish it, so we (4) _____ (watch) a film, but we (5) _____ (not like) it much.

**Monday 12th May**

At school today, we (6) watched (watch) a film about ancient Egypt. When it (7) _____ (finish), we (8) _____ (listen) to our teacher. It was really interesting! The ancient Egyptians (9) _____ (live) a long time ago. Everybody in the class (10) _____ (work) very hard, and I (11) _____ (love) the lesson. After school, I (12) _____ (play) tennis with my friends. At home, Mum (13) _____ (cook) my dinner. I (14) _____ (want) to stay up late but Mum said I had to go to bed early. I (15) _____ (hate) that!

**5 Write complete sentences using the past simple.**

1 finish my dinner / I / last night

_____

2 want / I / to get up / early

_____

3 not / listen to music / Billy

_____

4 the car / wash / we

_____

5 Polly and Mum / cook lunch

_____

6 Hassan / his teacher / helped

_____



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## Ago

We use **ago** to talk about a specific time in the past. This can be a recent time or further back in history.

*two minutes **ago***
*a month **ago***
*a few years **ago***
*many years **ago***
*a long time **ago***

**6 Look at the information below. Write expressions using ago.**

| | Now | Then | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | the year 2008 | the year 2005 | three years ago |
| 2 | the year 2000 | the year 1990 | |
| 3 | 10.30 in the morning | 9.30 in the morning | |
| 4 | June | February | |
| 5 | midnight | 11.59 at night | |

**7 Complete the sentences using the past simple and ago.**

1 Charlie / start school / three years
Charlie started school three years ago.

2 Henry / play tennis / two days

3 Steffi / finish her homework / two hours

4 Dad / listen to a CD / a few minutes

5 Kate / laugh at Kevin / a minute

6 Mum and Dad / watch a DVD / a week


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