1 Complete the grammar rules with these words.

appeared • Did • didn't • was • weren't

1 Regular past simple affirmative verb:

Poirot first _____ in 1920.

2 Past simple negative verb:

She _____ publish it until 1976.

3 Past simple question:

_____ you watch Morse on TV last night?

4 *be* in past simple affirmative:

Morse _____ concerned about spelling.

5 *be* in past simple negative:

Their methods _____ the same.

2 Write the past simple form of the irregular verbs in the correct column.

break • bring • ~~buy~~ • catch • cut • draw • drink
put • sell • shut • sing • sink • speak • take
teach • tell • think • throw

-aught	-ang	-ank
-ew	**-oke**	**-old**
-ook	**-ought**	**-ut**
	bought	

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete with the past simple form of the verbs.

become • catch • go • not have • steal



Ronnie Biggs **(a)** ..... famous in 1963 for his part in the Great Train Robbery. A gang of criminals **(b)** ..... 2.6 million pounds from a train. Biggs **(c)** ..... a big part in the crime, but the police **(d)** ..... him and he **(e)** ..... to prison.

change • escape • leave • recognise • work

Two years later he **(f)** ..... to Paris and **(g)** ..... his appearance. In 1970 he **(h)** ..... France. Then, in Australia, he **(i)** ..... in a TV studio, but a reporter **(j)** ..... him.

become • come • die • fly • live • allow

Because of this, Biggs **(k)** ..... to Brazil where he **(l)** ..... with his family for many years. He **(m)** ..... back to prison in England in 2001. He **(n)** ..... very ill in 2009 and they **(o)** ..... him to leave prison. He **(p)** ..... in 2013.

Write questions about Ronnie Biggs using the prompts below.

1 When/be born?
When was he born?

2 What crime/commit?

3 How much/steal?

4 police/catch him?

5 Why/fly to Brazil?

These statements are incorrect. Correct them using the example as a model.

1 Ronnie Biggs was born in 1919.
Ronnie Biggs wasn't born in 1919. He was born in 1929.

2 Ronnie Biggs committed fraud.

3 Biggs stole 2.6 million dollars.

4 He ran away to Madrid.

5 A police officer recognised him in Australia.

GRAMMAR CHALLENGE

Read the text. Find and correct 12 mistakes.

When I was very young some of my friends taked me to a shop to get the sweets. They hadn't any money so one of them putted some sweets in his pockets, but he didn't paid for them. I liked chocolate bars (and I am still liking them now) so I put an bar in my pocket. But the assistant seed me. He callt the manager of the shop and he phoned my parents. I did feel terrible. I were only five years old, but I am remember it now and feel very embarrassed.

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Circle the correct alternative to complete the rule.

We make the past continuous by using the present/past of the verb be + present/past participle.

Match the sentences (1–5) with the uses (a–e).

1 I found out a lot about the city while I was reading the series. .....

2 Rebus met Rafferty in one of the first books and they became friends. .....

3 It was raining heavily in Edinburgh. .....

4 While I was was walking round, I was thinking about all the places in the books. .....

5 Rebus retired because he was too old. .....

a an activity in progress in the past

b a completed action in the past

c two completed actions in the past

d an activity in progress in the past interrupted by another action

e two activities in the past that were in progress at the same time

LIVEWORKSHEETS