

Past Simple (1)

1 Regular verbs

- 1 Read about The Jackson 5. Complete the sentences with one of the verbs in **bold** in the Past Simple.

The Jackson 5

What do you know about the 1970s band. The Jackson 5?

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| • The family (1) <u>lived</u> in Indiana, a town near Chicago. | start |
| • In 1965 the brothers (2) _____ singing together. | work |
| • The father, Joe, (3) _____ in a steel mill. | live |
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| • In 1968 the Jackson 5 (4) _____ their first single. | record |
| • They (5) _____ R & B, soul, and dance music. | play |
| • They (6) _____ everywhere in the US. | travel |
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| • The brothers (7) _____ to California in 1968. | stop |
| • They (8) _____ worldwide success. | enjoy |
| • In 1989 the band (9) _____ recording together. | move |
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| • The youngest brother, Michael, (10) _____ dancing. | record |
| • In 1982 Michael (11) _____ <i>Thriller</i> . | die |
| • He (12) _____ in 2009. | love |



- 2 Look at the answers about The Jackson 5. Complete the questions.

- 1 'Where **did the family live** ?'
'In Indiana.'
- 2 'When _____ singing together?'
'In 1965.'
- 3 'Where _____ ?'
'In a steel mill.'
- 4 'When _____ their first single?'
'In 1968.'
- 5 'What sort of music _____ ?'
'R&B, soul, and dance music.'
- 6 'When _____ to California?'
'In 1968.'
- 7 'What _____ Michael _____ doing?'
'Dancing.'
- 8 'When _____ *Thriller*?'
'In 1982.'

- 3 Complete the sentences about The Jackson 5.

- 1 The family **didn't live** in New York.
- 2 Joe _____ in a coal mine.
- 3 The Jackson 5 _____ country and western music.
- 4 They _____ to Europe in 1968.
- 5 They _____ together in the 1990s.
- 6 The brothers _____ the album *Thriller*, just Michael.

Chinese girl makes pop song on her mobile phone

In 2010 a clever young singer from China (1) made (make) a song using only her mobile phone.

Pixie Tea, a Chinese pop star, (2) _____ (write) the song with phone apps. The song is called 'ABCD Said'.

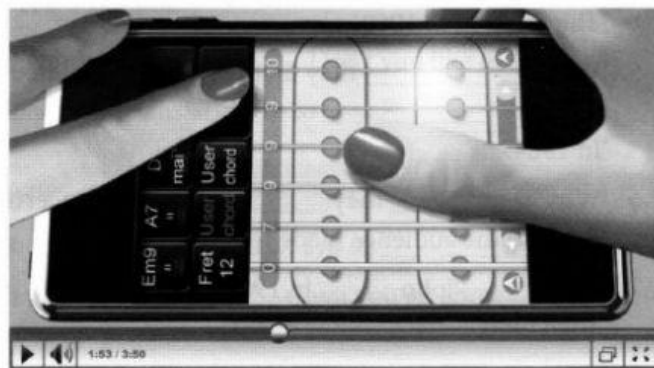
Pixie Tea's real name is Zhang Xuanyan, and she comes from the Chinese city of Xi'an. It (3) _____ (take) her three days to record the song. Then she (4) _____ (put) a video of it on YouTube. More than one million people (5) _____ (see) it online.

'I (6) _____ (have) the idea in 2009,' says PixieTea.

'I (7) _____ (begin) with the bass line, and then added drums.'

She (8) _____ (send) the song to Apple to see if they wanted to use it in their advertisements.

'Now I want to write more songs,' she says.



4 Past time expressions

Underline the correct past time expression.

- 1 I went to the cinema last night / last evening.
- 2 I had an English lesson yesterday afternoon / last afternoon.
- 3 My sister got married the last year / last year.
- 4 I worked very hard last week / in last week.

- 5 Some friends came round yesterday evening / last evening.
- 6 I went to Italy for last September / last September.
- 7 I lost my wallet the last Friday / last Friday.
- 8 I got up late yesterday morning / last morning.