

GRAMMAR: Past simple: regular verbs and past time expressions

1 Complete the time expressions with *last*, *ago*, *yesterday* or *in*.

- 1 _____ week
- 2 two days _____
- 3 _____ 1975
- 4 _____ afternoon
- 5 a year _____
- 6 _____ evening
- 7 _____ summer
- 8 three hours _____
- 9 _____ night
- 10 _____ the 21st century

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of regular verbs.

- 1 Where were you yesterday? I w_____ to see you.
- 2 It was a fantastic party! We d_____ all night.
- 3 We were friends when we were younger. We p_____ together every day.
- 4 'Did you have a good trip?' 'Yes, I really e_____ it, thanks.'
- 5 We p_____ a big party for Jen's birthday.
- 6 She s_____ really hard at school – that's why she has a good job now.
- 7 Sam t_____ to fix my bike, but it was no good – it was broken.
- 8 Diana o_____ the door and went inside, but no one was there.

3 Complete the conversations. Use the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

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- 1 'What did you do yesterday evening?' 'Nothing much. We just _____ TV.'
- 2 'How was your Spanish course?' 'Terrible! I _____ so I _____ the exam!'
- 3 'What did you think of the new boss?' 'I really _____ her.'
- 4 'We _____ shopping online last month, but we _____ any money!'
- 5 'Were you busy last night? I _____ you but there was no answer.' 'I went swimming with my friend.'
- 6 'How was the film yesterday?' 'I really _____ it but Meg hated it!'
- 7 'Why did Emma leave?' 'I think she _____ to get home early.'
- 8 'This soup is horrible!' 'Yes, I think I _____ too much salt.'

4 Read the text and complete gaps 1–8 with one word.



I ¹t_____ to Mexico to see my sister, Emma,
²l_____ summer. She met a Mexican man a few
years ³_____ and moved to Mexico to marry
him ⁴_____ 2015. I had a great time there! I
⁵s_____ in my sister's apartment in Mexico
City and we ⁶v_____ a lot of beautiful and
interesting places together. She lives near a lot of good
restaurants and cafés. We went out every night and I
⁷d_____ want to come home. ⁸Y_____
evening Emma phoned me. She wants me to go and
visit her again next year!