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Past Simple: affirmatives

We use the Past Simple to talk about activities and events that happened in the past. We often say when they happened:

My dad **climbed** in the Himalayas in 1988.

I **had** eggs for breakfast.

SPELLING RULES – PAST SIMPLE FORM

Regular verbs

- general rule: infinitive + -ed, e.g. work – worked
- verbs ending in -e: + -d, e.g. like – liked
- verbs ending in a vowel + a consonant: double the consonant + -ed, e.g. stop – stopped
- verbs ending in a consonant + -y: -y + -ied, e.g. cry – cried

Irregular verbs

There are many irregular verbs (e.g. go, say, run). There is a list of irregular verbs in Word Store, page 23.

Past Simple: questions and negatives

Negative

I/You/He/She/It/We/They

didn't (did not)

win.

Yes/No questions

Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they

win?

Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they did.
No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't.

Wh- questions

What did I/you/he/she/it/we/they

win?

1 Put the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box in the correct column.

arrive cycle fit marry plan stay try walk

work – worked like – liked stop – stopped cry – cried

2 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (play) tennis for two hours yesterday.
- 2 Last weekend my son _____ (break) his arm and _____ (go) to hospital.
- 3 She _____ (want) to go to the mountains for the holidays.
- 4 We _____ (spend) the day at the seaside.
- 5 I _____ (look) for yoga classes in my town, but I couldn't find anything.
- 6 My mum _____ (help) me do my Maths homework.
- 7 He _____ (shout) for help, but no one heard him.
- 8 They _____ (say) they wanted to stay at home.

3 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box.

bake carry cry give stop study

- 1 We _____ at the same university.
- 2 The baby _____ for three hours!
- 3 My mum _____ a cake for my birthday.
- 4 My parents _____ me a puppy for my birthday.
- 5 He _____ my suitcase. Such a gentleman!
- 6 We _____ for a short break.

1 Complete the sentences with did or didn't.

- 1 When _____ the first Olympic Games take place?
- 2 A: _____ the winner get a gold medal?
B: No, he _____.
- 3 A: _____ you take part in that competition?
B: No, I _____ want to.
- 4 A: What _____ you win?
B: I _____ win anything. But it's not a problem for me.
- 5 A: _____ you watch the 2012 Summer Olympics?
B: Yes, I _____.
- 6 A: Where _____ you go skiing last winter?
B: We _____ go skiing. We went to Egypt.
- 7 _____ they promise to pay for your treatment?
- 8 I _____ want to play football like my older brother. I preferred hockey.

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, for each group of sentences.

- 1 Mum is angry with you because _____ go to school today.
A didn't you B did you C you didn't
- 2 Why _____ go to school today? You're not sick!
- 3 Where _____ go after school? I want to know.
A didn't you B did you C you didn't
- 4 How many medals _____ win?
- 5 She was a great gymnast, but _____ win any medals at the 2012 Olympics.
A she didn't B didn't she C did she

★ ★ ★ Use the cues to make full questions and answers.

Brian: We went on a sports camp last month. It was great.

Harry: ⁰(What/activities/do?) What activities did you do?

Brian: We played volleyball, basketball and went sailing.

Harry: ¹(have/a good time?) _____

Brian: ²(✓) _____. ³(not/want/come home) _____

Harry: ⁴(Where/stay?) _____

Brian: We stayed in a hostel. ⁵(not/have/my own room) _____

_____. There were five of us together.

Harry: ⁶(know/any of the other people?) _____

Brian: ⁷(X) _____. Not at first. ⁸(But I/not have) _____

_____. I soon made lots of friends.

Harry: ⁹(What/do/in the evenings?) _____

Brian: There were parties and discos. ¹⁰(I/not/go out) _____

_____. I didn't have any money.