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Past Simple 2

1 Regular and irregular verbs

Read about Louis Braille. Put the verbs into the Past Simple.

2 Making negatives

T 8.1 Correct the sentences about Louis Braille.

1 Louis Braille was American.

He wasn't American. He was French.

2 He wanted to be an artist.

3 His father was a teacher.

4 He went blind when he was six.

5 He learned to play the piano.

6 He won a scholarship to the Institute of Music.

7 He invented 'night writing'.

8 He died when he was fifty-three.

LOUIS BRAILLE (1809–1852)

Louis Braille (1) was (be) the son of a French leather worker. He (2) _____ (go) blind at the age of three when he (3) _____ (fall) in his father's workroom. But Louis was very clever.



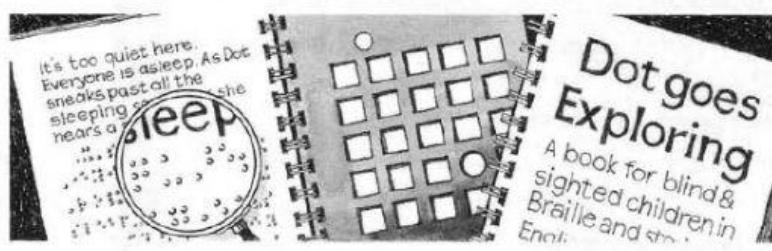
He (4) _____ (want) to be a musician, so he (5) _____ (learn) to play the cello, and at the age of ten he (6) _____ (win) a

scholarship to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris. He (7) _____ (can) play the cello, but he (8) _____ (can not) read or write.

In 1819 a French soldier, Charles Barbier, (9) _____ (invent) 'night writing'. He (10) _____ (use) special dots on paper so that soldiers (11) _____ (can) read at night. Louis Braille (12) _____ (understand) the importance of this invention for blind people and when he was

fifteen, he (13) _____ (begin) to develop it. In 1829 he (14) _____ (start) to use it at the Institute.

By 1932 'Braille' was in use all over the world, but Louis (15) _____ (die) in 1852 and he never (16) _____ (know) of the importance of his invention.



3 Negative short forms

T 8.2 Write the short forms of the negative verbs.

- 1 She did not see me.
She didn't see me.
- 2 I did not go to school on Monday.

3 Our teacher did not come to school today.

4 Anna was not in Paris last month.

5 They were not at home.

6 Paul could not read until he was eight.

4 Positives and negatives

T 8.3 Make the positive verbs negative. Make the negative verbs positive.

1 She drove to work.

She didn't drive to work.

2 I didn't know the answer.

I knew the answer.

3 My aunt gave me a birthday present.

4 It didn't rain a lot during our holiday.

5 I didn't drink the coffee, but I ate the sandwich.

6 She didn't bring a bottle of wine.

7 She wasn't tired, so she didn't go to bed.

8 He forgot his passport and he lost his plane ticket.

9 It didn't cost a lot of money.

10 I didn't have a lot of time, so I didn't do the shopping.

5 Past time expressions

1 Number the times in chronological order, 1–6.
(1 is nearest in time.)

- this morning
- last winter
- in 1980
- the day before yesterday
- yesterday evening
- ten years ago

2 Write sentences about you. Use each expression in 1 once.

- 1 *I got up at eight o'clock this morning.*
- 2 *I didn't have a shower yesterday evening.*

- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

6 ago

Rewrite the sentences using *ago*.

1 I saw him last June.
I saw him three months ago.

2 I had breakfast at eight o'clock.

3 They got married in 1980.

4 We saw John the day before yesterday.

5 We met in 1965.

6 My daughter started school last September.

7 Princess Diana died in 1997.

8 Alice came back from America last month.

9 Their son was born at two o'clock this morning.

7 I married an American soldier

1 Read about Gloria Spitz, who is English. Complete the text using the words in the box.

like in the films
so different from
time we danced
our lives changed
didn't talk
I couldn't look at him
was very worried
gave us chocolates
away in the war
came back for me

2 **T 8.4** Answer the questions.

1 Where did Gloria live when she was a girl?

2 Why did village life change in January, 1942?

3 How were the G.I.s and the English boys different?

4 Where did Gloria meet Hank?

5 When did she fall in love with him?

6 Why was her mother worried?

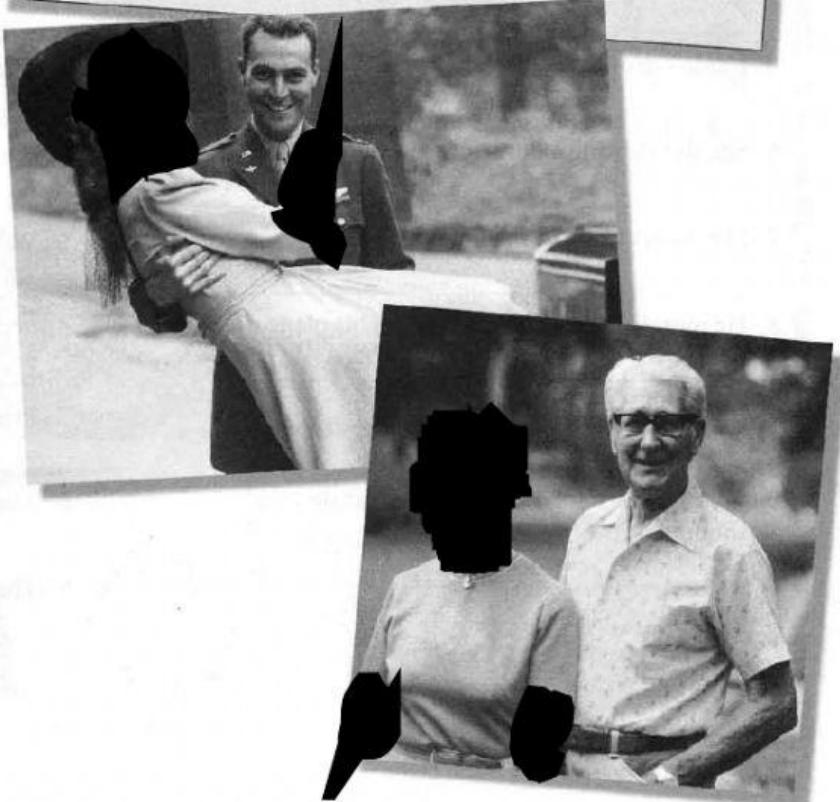
7 What happened to Gloria at the end of the war?

'I Married a G.I.!"

'Well, I was sixteen. It was 1942 and my mother and I lived in a small village in the country. My father wasn't there. He was (1) _____. Suddenly, on 26th January, (2) _____. Hundreds of American soldiers, G.I.s, came to our village. Ooh! We girls in the village loved them! They were (3) _____ English boys. They talked to us. They (4) _____ about cars and football. They (5) _____ and cigarettes. Every day was like Christmas Day!

'And the way they danced! Oh, they danced (6) _____. I met Hank at the Saturday dance. I think I fell in love the first (7) _____. I was so shy that (8) _____, but he took me to the dance every Saturday after that. He told me he loved shy English girls. My mother (9) _____, because she didn't know any American people then.

'In 1943 Hank went to France, but we wrote to each other. We wrote for two years and at the end of the war he (10) _____. He took me to the States, to his home in Arizona. Well, now we have four children and twelve grandchildren!'



Vocabulary

8 Words that are nouns and verbs

Many words in English are both nouns and verbs. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in the box.

dance cook love walk drink watch paint post visit

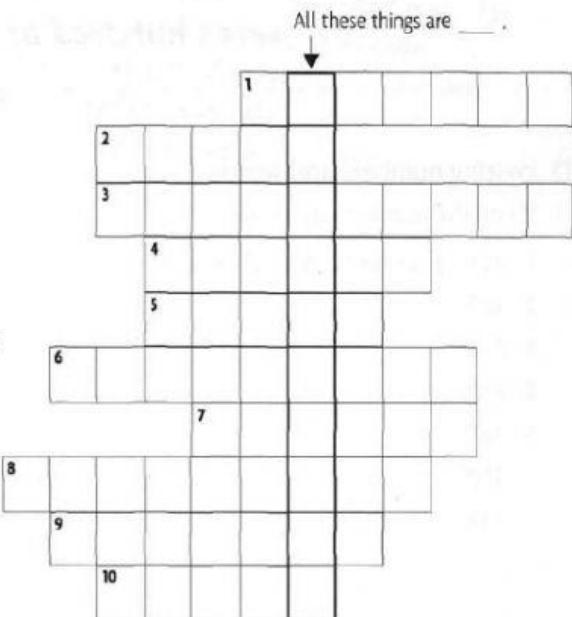
- 1 She went to the dance on Saturday night and she met Hank.
The music was wonderful. I danced all night long.
- 2 Can I have a ____? I'm really thirsty.
John never ____ coffee. He doesn't like it.
- 3 I ____ a meal for ten people yesterday evening.
'What's your job?' 'I'm a _____. I work in a big hotel.'
- 4 I ____ all the walls in my room blue last weekend.
What's that in your hair? Is it blue ____?
- 5 We ____ the football on television last night.
'What's the time?' 'Sorry. I don't have a ____.'
- 6 'How did you get to work yesterday?' 'I _____.
We went for a ____ by the lake. It was lovely.'
- 7 Please give my ____ to your wife and children.
Anna ____ chocolate ice-cream.
- 8 We really enjoyed our ____ to Oxford last weekend.
When I was in New York last year, I ____ lots of interesting places.
- 9 I can see the postman. Is there any ____ for me?
Don't forget ____ my letter for me!



9 A crossword puzzle

Write the answers and find the word.

- 1 When I was a child, I always rode to school on this.
- 2 I don't like reading when I travel by car, but I always read when I travel by ____.
- 3 Did you watch the interesting programme on ____ last night?
- 4 I forgot my ___, so I couldn't take any photographs.
- 5 A pilot flies this.
- 6 Most offices, banks, hotels, and schools have them now, but they didn't twenty-five years ago.
- 7 100 years ago people didn't have one of these in their kitchen for milk and butter, so things were difficult in summer.
- 8 Alexander Graham Bell invented this.
- 9 Most people now have automatic ____ machines for cleaning their clothes.
- 10 Levi Strauss invented these for workmen.



Numbers

10 100–1,000

T 8.5 Study the numbers.

130 one hundred and thirty
285 two hundred and eighty-five
300 three hundred
415 four hundred and fifteen

508 five hundred and eight
678 six hundred and seventy-eight
793 seven hundred and ninety-three
1,000 one thousand

11 Matching numbers and words

Match the numbers and the words.

945

three hundred and ten five hundred and ninety 800
four hundred and seventy-one 999 115 six hundred and three
eight hundred four hundred and twenty-five 144 508
eight hundred and sixty-two 238 734
nine hundred and forty-five six hundred and sixteen 590
one hundred and fifteen 616 603 310
nine hundred and ninety-nine one hundred and forty-four
five hundred and eight 425 two hundred and thirty-eight
seven hundred and thirty-four 862 471

12 Writing numbers and words

1 Write the numbers in words.

1 411 *four hundred and eleven*

2 145

3 610

4 890

5 387

6 150

7 532

2 **T 8.6** Answer the questions. Write the numbers in full.

1 How many days are there in a year?

2 How many minutes are there in two hours?

3 How many pages are there in this book?

4 How many students are there in your school?

5 How many weeks are there in four years?

6 How many pence are there in £4.73?

Writing

13 Linking words – *because, when, until*

Make sentences with a line in **A**, a word in **B**, and a line in **C**.

A	B	C
1 I left the party early	because	a she was thirty.
2 Peter couldn't speak	when	b they came for dinner.
3 Tim didn't see the Colosseum	until	c I was at school.
4 Eva didn't start learning English		d she couldn't afford them.
5 I didn't enjoy maths lessons		e after midnight.
6 Sally didn't buy the red shoes		f he was nearly four.
7 They didn't go to bed		g I didn't feel well.
8 We met Ken's wife last Saturday		h he was in Rome.

14 Old friends

1 Complete the text with words from the box.

and but so because
when until



2 Write about 100 words about an old friend.

- What is his/her name?
- When did you meet?
- Where did you meet?
- What did you do together?
- How often do you meet now?
- What do you do when you meet?

MY OLDEST FRIEND

My oldest friend is called Sandy. We met thirty years ago (1) we were both five years old. It was my first day at school (2) I was very unhappy (3) I wanted my mother. Sandy gave me a sweet (4) we became friends immediately. We were together nearly every day (5) we left school twelve years later.

Then I went to university, (6) _____ Sandy didn't. She married (7) _____ she was just eighteen (8) _____ had three children. I studied for eight years (9) _____ I wanted to be an accountant. I had a lot of new friends, (10) _____ I didn't see Sandy very often. Sometimes we didn't meet for months, (11) _____ we often talked on the telephone.

Now I'm married, too. I live near Sandy (12) _____ we meet every week. She's a student now, (13) _____ I have a baby, (14) _____ we can give each other a lot of advice!