

GRADE 8 UNIT 4 | GOING PLACES

GRAMMAR Past Simple Affirmative | was / were

A. Read and complete the postcard with the correct past simple form of **BE**. (7 marks)

Hi Amelia

I'm in Australia with my brother Harry. Last week, we ¹ were near Alice Springs, on a camel trek!

The weather ² was hot and sunny. But Harry ³ was happy. There ⁴ was lots of really big ants inside our tent, and one night, there ⁵ was a spider in Harry's sleeping bag!

And there ⁶ was any signal for his mobile, so he couldn't call his girlfriend. How ⁷ was your birthday party? ⁸ was there many people?

Nick



B. Complete Isabel's blog for the week with the correct past simple form (V₂) of the verb. (6 marks)

cook decide drop play -start walk watch

M	I ¹ <u>started</u> reading a new novel last night. It's really exciting!
T	My parents ² <u>decided</u> to buy a new sofa. It's huge!
W	This is a weird week. My brother ³ <u>dropped</u> dinner last night. It was OK!
T	There weren't any buses this morning so I ⁴ <u>had</u> to school. Tiring!
F	Disaster! My sister ⁵ <u>dropped</u> a cup of coffee on the new sofa.
S	I ⁶ <u>watched</u> a boring DVD last night. Why are there no good films?
S	My grandfather ⁷ <u>played</u> his first ever video game today. He was awesome!

C. Write the past simple form (V₂) of these following verbs. (14 marks)

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| 1 see <u>saw</u> | 6 meet <u>met</u> | 11 give <u>gave</u> |
| 2 go <u>went</u> | 7 send <u>sent</u> | 12 put <u>put</u> |
| 3 get <u>got</u> | 8 eat <u>ate</u> | 13 drive <u>drove</u> |
| 4 leave <u>left</u> | 9 read <u>read</u> | 14 take <u>took</u> |
| 5 write <u>wrote</u> | 10 wear <u>wore</u> | 15 buy <u>bought</u> |

D. Look at the table below. Then listen and **tick** the things Leah, Oscar and Melanie did on Saturday. (7 marks)

	Leah	Oscar	Melanie
get up late	☐	☐	☐
listen to music	☐	☐	☐
meet friends	☐	☐	☐
eat in a restaurant	☐	☐	☐
do sport	☐	☐	☐
go shopping	☐	☐	☐
watch a DVD	☐	☐	☐

E. Look at the **time expressions** in the past simple tense. **Drag** the words to complete them. (7 marks)

- 1 a week ago
- 2 last night
- 3 on April 2009
- 4 on Wednesday
- 5 in morning
- 6 in afternoon
- 7 three hours ago
- 8 at half-past six this morning

ago
on
yesterday
at
last
in
ago
yesterday