

THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE'

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb 'to be' in the past simple.

1. It _____ foggy yesterday.
2. She _____ unhappy because she couldn't see anything.
3. We _____ late for school because our father had to drive slowly.
4. The history lesson _____ very long and difficult.
5. I _____ very tired yesterday.
6. My friends _____ bored.
7. You _____ in your room the entire evening.
8. The weekend _____ fun.
9. There _____ many people at the party.
10. My dad _____ full of energy.
11. My mum's pancakes _____ delicious.



THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE' – negative form

Complete the sentences using the short negative forms as in the first example.

1. It **wasn't** sunny yesterday.
2. She _____ happy because she doesn't like fog.
3. We _____ late for school because we left earlier than usual.
4. The history lesson _____ very difficult.
5. I _____ tired yesterday.
6. My friends _____ bored.
7. You _____ in your room the entire evening.
8. The weekend _____ fun.
9. There _____ many people at the party.
10. My dad _____ full of energy.
11. My mum's pancakes _____ too sweet.

THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE' – yes/no questions

Complete the questions and short answers about the evening at home.

It was 8 o'clock in the evening and I was home alone. My mum was at a meeting and my dad was on a business trip. I was relaxed. It was a quiet evening and even my two dogs were asleep. The entire street was also very quiet.

1. _____ it 8 o'clock in the evening? – Yes, it _____.
2. _____ you home alone? – Yes, I _____.
3. _____ your mum on a business trip? No, she _____.
4. _____ your dad at a meeting? No, he _____.
5. _____ you nervous? – No, I _____.
6. _____ it a noisy evening? – No, it _____.
7. _____ your two dogs restless? – No, they _____.
8. _____ they asleep? – Yes, they _____.
9. _____ your friends with you? – No, they _____.
10. _____ your street quiet? – Yes, it _____.

THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE' – wh questions

Ask questions about the underlined part.

I was at home in the morning.Question: *Where were you in the morning?*1. I was at home in the morning.

Question: _____

2. My mum was in the shopping centre.

Question: _____

3. My mum was in the shopping centre.

Question: _____

4. My two dogs were playful.

Question: _____

5. My friends were on the playground.

Question: _____

6. My friends were on the playground.

Question: _____



THE PAST SIMPLE OF REGULAR VERBS

Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. Brian _____ (enjoy) watching the film last night.

2. Cory _____ (invite) the twins to his birthday party.

3. John _____ (phone) Mary yesterday, but she didn't answer.

4. Last year, John's friends _____ (play) football almost every day.

5. My dad _____ (study) engineering at university.

6. My mum _____ (finish) the dinner at 7.

7. Simon _____ (arrive) in France a month ago.

8. We _____ (carry) the Christmas tree into the house.

9. We _____ (chat) about football and other sports.

10. We _____ (plan) our Christmas holiday yesterday.

11. We _____ (stop) to watch the parade.

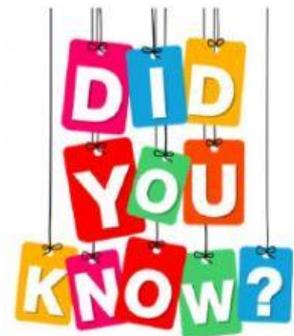
12. We _____ (try) this cake yesterday. It's fabulous.



THE PAST SIMPLE OF IRREGULAR VERBS

Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. Brian _____ (eat) a nice big plate of spaghetti with lettuce for lunch.
2. John _____ (have) a lot of homework to do.
3. Simon _____ (run) up that hill yesterday.
4. John _____ (lose) his keys again.
5. John _____ (pay) for the pizza for everybody.
6. Martha _____ (make) scrambled eggs for breakfast.
7. Martha _____ (see) her friends on TV.
8. Martha _____ (tell) her mum about her day.
9. Mum _____ (read) an interesting book last week.
10. Nobody _____ (hear) dad come in last evening.
11. She _____ (come) home earlier today.
12. Simon accidentally _____ (break) Brian's phone.
13. Simon and Brian _____ (do) their chores two hours ago.
14. Simon _____ (take) Brian's notebook today by mistake.
15. The dog _____ (sleep) on Brian's bed last night.
16. The family _____ (go) to Makarska last year.
17. The German course _____ (begin) two days ago.
18. The kids _____ (wear) costumes at Mary's birthday.



PAST SIMPLE YES/NO QUESTIONS

Ask Brian about what he did yesterday using his list of yesterday's activities.

watched a film last night	<i>Did you watch a film last night?</i>
invited his friends to the party	1.
phoned Martha	2.
played football	3.
chatted about football	4.
watched the parade	5.
ate a plate of spaghetti for lunch	6.
did a lot of homework	7.
lost the keys	8.
read a children's book	9.
wore a costume at Mary's birthday	10.

PAST SIMPLE YES/NO QUESTIONS

You believed that Simon did all these things yesterday as well, but he didn't. Rewrite the sentences in the negative to make them true.

watched a film last night	<i>He didn't watch a film last night.</i>
ate a plate of spaghetti for lunch	1.
chatted about football	2.
did a lot of homework	3.
invited his friends to the party	4.
lost the keys	5.
phoned Martha	6.
played football	7.
read a children's book	8.
watched the parade	9.
wore a costume at Mary's birthday	10.

WH-QUESTIONS IN THE SIMPLE PAST

Ask questions about the underlined part of the sentence.

1. John phoned Mary yesterday.

2. John's friends played football in the afternoon.

3. My dad studied engineering.

4. My mum finished work at 5.

5. Simon lived in France.

6. We carried the Christmas tree into the house.

7. John came home earlier today.

8. Simon accidentally broke Brian's phone.

9. Simon and Brian did their chores.

10. The dog slept on Brian's bed last night.

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

Fill in the gaps with correct prepositions.

1. A new school year starts _____ September.
2. Brian did his homework _____ Saturday.
3. Dad went to bed _____ 11 p.m.
4. John made scrambled eggs _____ the morning.
5. Martha was born _____ 2009.
6. Martha's birthday is _____ the second of June.
7. Mum watched TV _____ the evening.
8. Simon woke up _____ 6.00.
9. The boys' birthdays are _____ February.
10. The kids stay up longer _____ Saturday evenings.
11. We don't go skiing _____ the winter.
12. We went to Makarska _____ July.



PAST SIMPLE – SUBJECT QUESTIONS

Ask questions about the underlined part of the sentence.

1. John phoned Mary yesterday.

2. John's friends played football in the afternoon.

3. My dad studied engineering.

4. My mum finished work at 5.

5. Simon lived in France.
