PAST SIMPLE

LEARN THIS! Past simple (affirmative): irregular

a Many verbs have irregular past simple forms. There are no rules for forming these, you need to learn them.

do – did speak – spoke come – came

b The verb *be* is the only verb with two (irregular) past simple forms:

I / he / she it was you / we / they were

Match the irregular past simple forms of the verbs in the text with their infinitive without *to*.

1 become _____	6 fall _____	11 make _____
2 begin _____	7 find _____	12 read _____
3 break _____	8 get _____	13 see _____
4 build _____	9 go _____	14 take _____
5 draw _____	10 have _____	

4 Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of verbs from the Learn this! box and exercise 3.

1 I _____ a lot of housework before school yesterday.
2 We _____ a great film at the cinema last night.
3 My sister _____ to Paris for the weekend.
4 I _____ an old memory stick on my bedroom floor.
5 She _____a lot of photos during the holiday.
6 We _____ to our teacher about the homework.

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LOOK OUT!

Several past simple forms end in *-ought* or *-aught*. These endings are pronounced /ɔːt/ (rhyming with *short*).

5 Read the Look out! box. Then complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

bring buy catch fight teach think

1 The British and Americans _____ on the same side in the Second World War.
2 We _____ a new car about a month ago.
3 I _____ about my cousin yesterday because it was her birthday.
4 Aristotle _____ Alexander the Great when he was at school.
5 I _____ my homework to school, but now I can't find it.
6 We _____ the train at six o'clock in the morning.

bring - brought
buy - bought
catch - caught
fight - fought
teach - taught
think - thought

SAM KODO from Togo, in Africa, is an inventor and a businessman – and he [1]_____ (become) an inventor when he was very young. When he [2]_____ (be) only seven years old, he [3]_____ (build) his own robot. The robot [4]_____ (can) move around a room and follow instructions. Sam's father teaches at the university in Lomé, the capital of Togo. At a young age, Sam often [5]_____ (go) with his father to work and [6]_____ (read) books in the library there. His favourite books [7]_____ (be) about electronics. Sam [8]_____ (begin) to make things using old parts from broken TVs and other electrical devices. Sometimes, he [9]_____ (break) his own toys to get the parts! When he was fifteen, he [10]_____ (make) his first smartphone and PC. Now Sam has his own computer company in Togo.

inventor - изобретатель
follow the instructions - следовать инструкциям
broken - сломанный
device - устройство

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