

## GRAMMAR

## past simple: irregular verbs

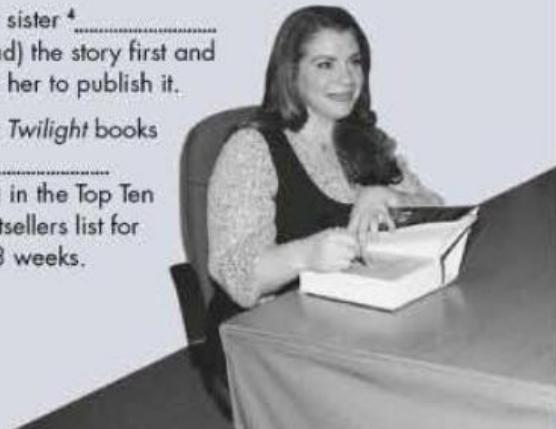
Complete the article with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

## I didn't know that!

Six facts for *Twilight* fans

Stephanie Meyer is a world-famous writer now, but did you know these things about her?

- She <sup>1</sup> ..... (have) no experience of writing before *Twilight*.
- She <sup>2</sup> ..... (write) the first book in just three months.
- The idea for *Twilight* <sup>3</sup> ..... (came) to her in a dream.
- Her sister <sup>4</sup> ..... (read) the story first and told her to publish it.
- Her *Twilight* books <sup>5</sup> ..... (be) in the Top Ten Bestsellers list for 143 weeks.



## 2 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

2002: the euro goes into circulation.

The euro went into circulation in 2002.

1 2008: Suzanne Collins writes *The Hunger Games*.

2 2009: Barack Obama becomes president of the USA.

3 2011: Ed Sheeran has his first hit song in England.

4 2011: One Direction make their first album.

5 2014: Germany win the football World Cup.

## 3 Read the answers. Complete the questions.

- 1 A: ..... you ..... Emma?  
B: Yes, I did. I saw her at the swimming pool.
- 2 A: ..... you ..... the tickets?  
B: No, we didn't, sorry. Can you buy them tomorrow?
- 3 A: ..... they ..... to the station after lunch?  
B: Yes, they did. They went there at half past two.
- 4 A: ..... she ..... dinner at home?  
B: Yes, she did. She had dinner with her family.
- 5 A: ..... you ..... a lot?  
B: Yes, I did. I wrote ten pages.
- 6 A: ..... you ..... any sandwiches?  
B: Yes, we did. We made some cheese sandwiches.
- 7 A: ..... you ..... the story?  
B: Yes, I did. I read it last night.

## 4 Write questions in the past simple. Use these verbs.

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Sofia Vergara / a travel programme?

Did Sofia Vergara present a travel programme?

1 Justin Timberlake / a song at his wedding?

2 Borge Ousland / across the Antarctic?

3 Emma Watson / hockey at college?

4 Rafael Nadal / to be a tennis player?

5 Enrique Iglesias / in Spain when he was young?

## 5 Write short answers about you and your family.

1 Did you write any messages at the weekend?

2 Did your parents meet at school?

3 Did your teacher give you homework this week?

4 Did you buy anything last weekend? What?

5 Did your grandparents talk to you yesterday?

6 Did you drink juice at breakfast this morning?