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Simple past tense questions • answers

Helen : **Did** you go to the Christmas fun fair last weekend?
Alex : Yes, I **did**. How about you?
Helen : I **didn't** go. **Was** there a big Christmas tree?
Alex : Yes, there **was**. There **was** an outdoor market too.
Helen : **Were** there any game stalls?
Alex : There **weren't** any game stalls but there **were** some craft stalls.



We use **was**, **were** and **did** to make questions and give short answers about the past.

~~Did you went~~ **Did** you go to the cinema last night?

~~didn't went~~ No, I **didn't** go to the cinema last night.

Don't change the verbs after **did** or **didn't** into the simple past tense.

Warm up

Complete the questions and answers using the simple past tense of the verbs given.

1 A: _____ (be) there a theme park on Hong Kong island 30 years ago?
B: Yes there _____ .



2 A: _____ you _____ (have) your piano exam last Thursday?
B: No, I _____ it last Thursday. I had it last Friday.



3 A: _____ (be) there any pandas in Hong Kong 50 years ago?
B: _____



4 A: _____ Cindy _____ (buy) a teddy bear yesterday?
B: _____ a teddy bear. She bought a robot.



5 A: _____ (be) there a wetland park when Dad was young?
B: _____



6 A: _____ Mum _____ (come) home for dinner last night?
B: _____ She had dinner at her office.



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Grammar in Context

Mike writes a letter to Judy. Complete the letter using the simple present tense or the simple past tense of the verbs given. You can use some verbs more than once.

have	rain	eat	enjoy	like	taste	go	be	visit	want

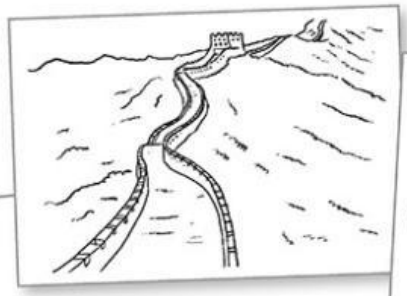
Dear Judy,

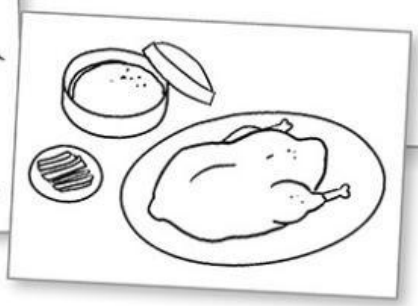
Last month I ❶ _____ to Beijing. It ❷ _____ very cold and there ❸ _____ snow everywhere! I ❹ _____ the Great Wall on the third day of our trip. There ❺ _____ any lifts so I ❻ _____ the steps. It was tiring but the view ❼ _____ beautiful. We tried a lot of restaurants in Bejing. They ❽ _____ all very nice. I ❾ _____ Peking duck and a lot of dumplings. They ❿ _____ delicious.

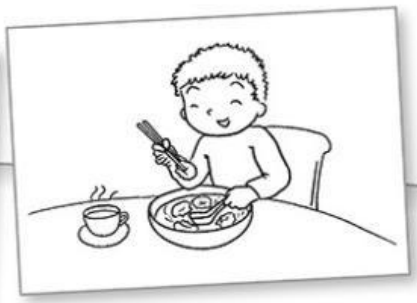
Would you like to come to my home? I ⓫ _____ to show you some photos. ⓬ _____ you _____ sweet things? I ⓭ _____ some sweets from Beijing. They ⓮ _____ very good.

How about your holiday in England last month? ⓯ _____ it cold there? ⓰ _____ you _____ your holiday? I hope it ⓱ _____ a lot.

From
Mike







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