

## LANGUAGE REFERENCE

## UNIT 2

### Past simple

| Affirmative                                           | Negative                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I / You / He / She / It / We / They went to a museum. | I / You / He / She / It / We / They did not (didn't) go to a museum. |
| <b>be</b>                                             |                                                                      |
| I / He / She / It was bored.                          | I / He / She / It was not (wasn't) bored.                            |
| You / We / They were bored.                           | You / We / They were not (weren't) bored.                            |

- We use the past simple to talk about completed events and actions in the past.  
*He watched a history documentary last night.*  
*We were tired after the journey.*
- Most verbs in the past simple end in **-ed**.  
*want - wanted need - needed show - showed*
- For verbs ending in **-e**, add **-d**.  
*live - lived hate - hated phone - phoned*
- For verbs ending **consonant + -y**, we remove the **-y** and add **-ied**.  
*study - studied carry - carried marry - married*
- For verbs ending **consonant + vowel + consonant**, we double the final consonant and add **-ed**.  
*shop - shopped travel - travelled stop - stopped*
- Some past simple verbs are irregular.  
*become - became come - came put - put*
- See the irregular verbs list on page 111.
- To form the past simple negative, we use **subject + did not (didn't) + infinitive** without **to**.  
*Borja didn't finish his homework last night.*
- To form the past simple negative of **be**, add **not (n't)**.  
*Mum wasn't very happy about my exam results.*

| Question                                                | Short answer                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Did I / you / he / she / it / we / they go to a museum? | Yes, I / you / he / she / it / we / they did.<br>No, I / you / he / she / it / we / they didn't. |
| <b>be</b>                                               |                                                                                                  |
| Was I / he / she / it bored?                            | Yes, I / he / she / it was.<br>No, I / he / she / it wasn't.                                     |
| Were you / we / they bored?                             | Yes, you / we / they were.<br>No, you / we / they weren't.                                       |

- To form past simple questions, we use **Did + subject + infinitive** without **to**.  
*Did Tom enjoy the concert yesterday?*
- We put question words before **did**.  
*What did you do last weekend?*
- To form past questions with **be**, change the word order.  
*Were you late to class this morning?*

### there was/there were

|                 | Affirmative                   | Negative                                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Singular</b> | There was a bowl / some food. | There was not (wasn't) a bowl / any food. |
| <b>Plural</b>   | There were some forks.        | There were not (weren't) any forks.       |

- We use **there was** and **there were** to talk about what existed in the past.
- We use **there was** with singular countable and uncountable nouns.  
*There was a book here. There was milk in the cup.*
- We use **there were** with plural countable nouns.  
*There were a lot of tourists in our town last weekend.*
- We use **some** after **there was/were** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.  
*There was some water in the bottle.*  
*There were some houses here years ago.*
- We use **any** after **there wasn't/weren't** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.  
*There wasn't any money in the purse.*  
*There weren't any cups.*

|                 | Question                     | Short answer                           |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Singular</b> | Was there a bowl / any food? | Yes, there was.<br>No, there wasn't.   |
| <b>Plural</b>   | Were there any forks?        | Yes, there were.<br>No, there weren't. |

- In questions, we usually use **any** with uncountable and plural countable nouns.  
*Was there any bread at home?*  
*Were there any interesting objects at the museum?*
- We don't repeat **any** in short answers.  
**A** *Was there any news about Laura?*  
**B** *No, there wasn't (NOT No, there wasn't any.)*

# LANGUAGE PRACTICE

## UNIT 2

### past simple

- 1 Complete the table with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

cry like plan smile stay stop tidy wait

| add -ed  | ending in -e, add -d | remove -y, add -ied | double final consonant, add -ed |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 waited | 3                    | 5                   | 7                               |
| 2        | 4                    | 6                   | 8                               |

- 2 Write sentences with the past simple.

- Tom / wait / three hours / for the train  
Tom waited three hours for the train.
- Joanna / not go / to school / last week
- Rosie and Sarah / not feel / tired after the journey
- The journey / take / ten hours!
- I / buy / some / new shoes

- 3 Write past simple questions and short answers about the people in the table.

|           | Holly | Maria and Sam | Ivan  |
|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| go cinema | (1) X | (2) ✓         | (3) ✓ |
| eat pizza | (4) ✓ | (5) X         | (6) X |

- Did Holly go to the cinema?  
No, she didn't.
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- 4 Complete the question for each answer.

- A What did you drink?  
B I drank some cola.
- A Where ?  
B He went to a concert.
- A When ?  
B They started school in January.
- A Who ?  
B She met her sister.
- A What ?  
B He ate a hot dog.
- A Why ?  
B They stayed at home because it was foggy.

### there was/there were

- 5 Complete the text with *there was(n't)/there were(n't)*.

When I was at primary school <sup>1</sup> ~~there weren't~~ a lot of exams and <sup>2</sup> a lot of students in my class – I think <sup>3</sup> only nine or ten of us. In my classroom <sup>4</sup> an internet connection or an electronic board, but it was beautiful. <sup>5</sup> pictures and stories on the walls and <sup>6</sup> a storytelling hour every day. <sup>7</sup> any computers or laptops in our class, but we loved writing on the little green board!

- 6 Circle the correct options.

- Were there a / some / (any) posters on the walls?
- There wasn't an / some / any exam every week.
- There weren't a / some / any computers.
- Was there a / some / any board in the classroom?
- There wasn't a / some / any window in the classroom.
- There were an / some / any interesting storybooks.

- 7 Complete the questions with *Was there* or *Were there*.

- Were there many people at the party?
- any good TV programmes on last night?
- a party at your house last night?
- an exam at school last week?
- three or four students in the library?