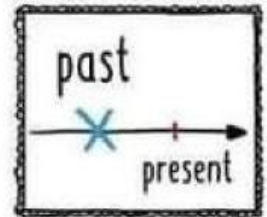


# Simple Past



## When to use

- (finished) actions / events in the past

Example: I flew to Italy last summer.

- events that happened regularly in the past

Example: I always went to school by bus in primary school.



your examples



## How to form

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subject

+ 2<sup>nd</sup> form of the verb

We **went** to Paris last year.

My family and I **visited** many sights in our last holiday.



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didn't (did not)

+ Infinitive form of the verb

The French **didn't speak** English that much.

Sometimes we **didn't understand** them.

?

question words

Who...

Where...

Why...

When did you go?

?

yes/no questions

Did he leave?

to be

I / he / she / it **was**

you / we / you / they **were**

to stop → stopped

to cry → cried

to arrive → arrived

short answers



Yes, he did.



No, he didn't.

**1. Complete the story of Jenny's holiday. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense**

Jenny <sup>1</sup> *was* (be) very happy. It <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the first day of her holiday. She <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) her suitcase and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (put) her ticket and passport in her rucksack. She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the luggage in the hall and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) for a taxi. Then she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait), but the taxi <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late. When the taxi finally <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), Jenny <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rush) to the door. She <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) that her suitcase and rucksack <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the hall. She <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (trip) over them, <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) and <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) her arm. The taxi driver <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) Jenny to the airport. He <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) her to the hospital. So Jenny <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) on holiday. She <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home for two weeks. And the weather <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) terrible. It <sup>21</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) every day. Jenny <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) happy.

**2. Now, put the pictures in the correct order (1-6)**





3. Complete the blanks with the verbs supplied either in the affirmative or negative form.



1. He \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) home  
before 5 o'clock.



2. I \_\_\_\_\_  
a huge fish the  
other day.



3. Billy \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) the stop  
sign.



4. He \_\_\_\_\_  
to put on his  
trousers.



5. I \_\_\_\_\_  
the lottery last  
week.



6. Mr. Simpson \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) at the traffic  
sign.



7. I \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) early this  
morning.



8. He \_\_\_\_\_  
this treasure by  
chance.



9. He \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) much last  
night.



10. I \_\_\_\_\_  
all my old things  
yesterday.

see • be • find • buy • build • catch • feel • have • sleep • rob  
sell • know • meet • stop • break • win • forget • wake up • go • call



11. I \_\_\_\_\_  
my house in 1990.



12. He \_\_\_\_\_  
a bank five  
minutes ago.



13. We \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) what to do  
at the time.



14. My boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) me.



15. She \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) on time for  
class yesterday.



16. Peter \_\_\_\_\_  
(not) very well  
last night.



17. He \_\_\_\_\_  
his leg last  
Christmas.



18. I \_\_\_\_\_  
this diamond ring  
last month.



19. He \_\_\_\_\_  
her last Friday.



20. I \_\_\_\_\_  
a bad headache  
some days ago.