

Simple Past

When to use

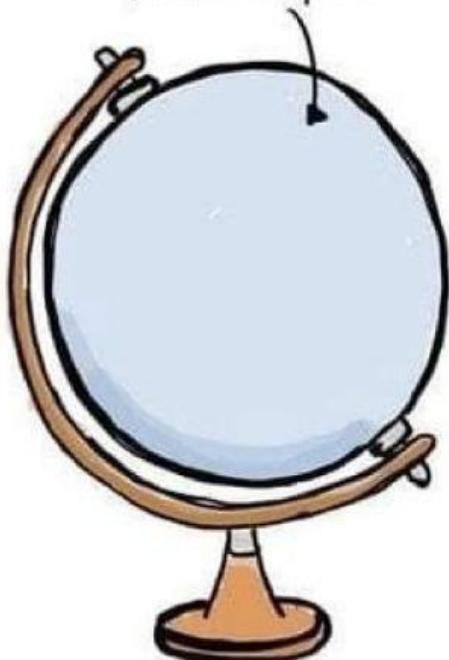
- (finished) actions / events in the past

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



subject

+ 2nd form of the verb



We **went** to Paris last year.

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



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...



yes/no questions

Did he leave?



short answers
Yes, he did.



No, he didn't.

to be < I / he / she / it **was**
you / we / you / they **were**

to stop → stopped

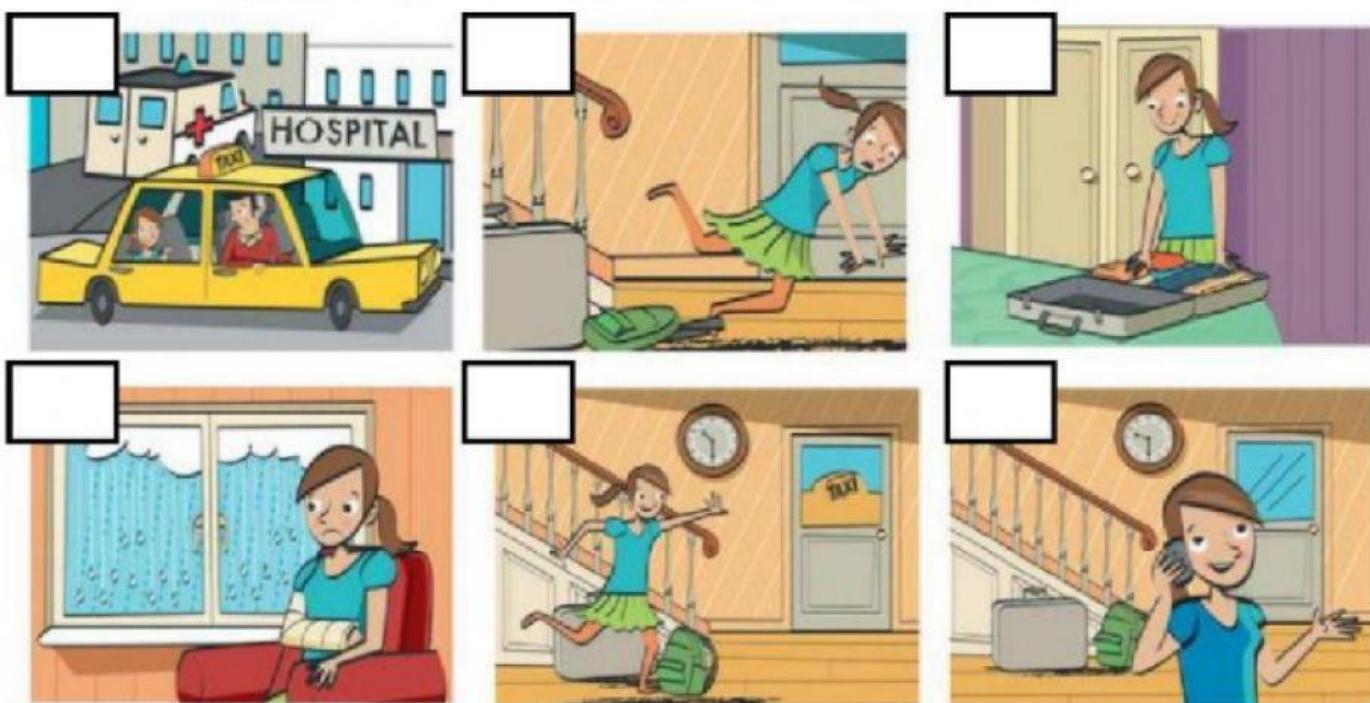
to cry → cried

to arrive → arrived

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

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