

# PAST SIMPLE

## to be

We use the past simple to talk about things that happened in the past.

We use it for finished actions that are not happening now.

**Jack helped Anna with her homework.**

We use **was** and **were** (the past tense of be) to talk about the past.



### positive

I/He/She/It	<b>was</b>	happy.
We/You/They	<b>were</b>	in the café.

### negative

I/He/She/It	<b>wasn't</b>	happy.
We/You/They	<b>weren't</b>	in the café.

We usually use short forms in negative sentences.

## regular verbs

Regular verbs end in -ed. Sometimes the spelling changes.

**talk-talked**

**arrive - arrived**

**study - studied**

**travel -travelled**

### positive

I/He/She/It/We/You/They	<b>helped.</b>
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We make negative sentences with **did/didn't** and the base form of the verb.

We don't add -ed to the verb in negative sentences.

We usually use short forms in negative sentences.

### negative

I/He/She/It/We/You/They	<b>didn't help.</b>
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## irregular verbs

Some verbs have a different form in the past simple.

**be-was   buy-bought   come-came   eat-ate   find-found   go-went   have-had**

**know-knew   meet -met   read -read   see-saw   win-won**

### positive

I/He/She/It/We/You/They	<b>went</b>	to school.
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### negative

I/He/She/It/We/You/They	<b>didn't go</b>	to school.
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## time expressions with the past simple

We often use these time expressions when we talk about the past: yesterday, last week, last year, two weeks ago a month ago, in 2018.

**A: When did you see Sam?**

**B: I saw him yesterday.**

## past simple questions and short answers

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Questions words go at the start of the question.

#### yes/no questions

Was	I/he/she/it	happy?
Were	we/you/they	in the café?

#### short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it	was
	we/you/they	were.
No,	I/he/she/it	wasn't.
	we/you/they	weren't.

We can also use question phrases in the same way.

**When** did you eat lunch?

**How often** did she have guitar lessons?

**What** did you do last summer?

#### wh- questions

Where	was	I/he/she/it?
	were	we/you/they?

## regular and irregular verbs

We don't add -ed to the verb in questions. We change the word order in questions.

#### yes/no questions

Did	I/he/she/it/we/you/they	help? go?
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#### short answers

Yes,	I/he/she/it/we/you/they	did.
No,		didn't.

#### wh- questions

Who did	I/he/she/it/we/you/they	help?
Where did		go?



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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose the correct words to complete the blog.

My first day at secondary school **was / were** really good. The other students **was / were** very helpful, so I **was / wasn't** nervous at all. I enjoyed the lessons because they **were / weren't** boring and we learnt new things. The history teacher **was / wasn't** very funny. He made me laugh. What about you? **Was / Were** the lessons fun on your first day?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the sentences with these verbs

**read    talked    took    were    won    wore**

1. Jake and Alice \_\_\_\_\_ tired after school.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ an exciting book on holiday.
3. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to the students about the exam.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ Some funny photos at break time.
5. Max \_\_\_\_\_ his new football shirt for the game.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ a prize for her story.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the questions. Write one word in each gap. Match the questions (1-6) with the answers (A-F).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ did you go?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ it rain?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you happy?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ did you leave?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the school trip fun?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ they eat at school?

- A** Because I was tired
- B** Yes, they did.
- C** No, it didn't
- D** Yes, it was.
- E** Barcelona.
- F** Yes, I was.



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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the grammar box below. Match the example sentences (1-6) with the rules (A-C).

## past simple

Use the past simple to talk about something that started and finished in the past.

**A** The past simple of *be* is *was/were*.

- + It **was** fun.
- It **wasn't** easy for him.

**B** Add *-ed* to form the regular past simple. Be careful of spelling changes (*study – studied, travel – travelled*).

- + A few days later, George **played** the music to Paris.

For the negative past simple, use *didn't* + infinitive form of the main verb.

- He **didn't stop** there.

**C** Irregular verbs do not use *-ed*.

- He then **made** a study app
- He **spoke** to the teachers.
- She **did** her homework.

1. He found his homework under the bed.
2. They were happy at school.
3. She didn't like the app.
4. Max studied every day.
5. The book wasn't useful.
6. We didn't see our maths teacher.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the conversation with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

**Jake:** Hi, Emily \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) you at school this morning.

**Emily:** Oh hi, Jake. I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) after lunch.

**Jake:** Are you OK?

**Emily:** Oh yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at the dentist.

**Jake:** We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great history class. We \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a video.

**Emily:** Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) about that.

**Jake:** Yes, the teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ (give) us some information and then we \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a story.

**Emily:** That's cool!

**Jake:** We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) other videos to get ideas

**Emily:** Brilliant! Does your video have any music?

**Jake:** Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a great song.



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