

GRAMMAR

Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs)

Regular verbs

It **looked** pinkish orange. The storms **didn't move**. When **did** that **happen**?

Irregular verbs

We **saw** an unusual storm. I **didn't know** what to do. Did you **take** any photos? Yes, I **did**./No, I **didn't**.

We use the Past Simple with past time expressions, e.g. *yesterday, last week/year, two hours/days/weeks/years ago, in April, in 1595*.

1 ● Match infinitives 1–5 with their Past Simple forms a–e.

1 <input type="checkbox"/> c become	a took
2 <input type="checkbox"/> see	b thought
3 <input type="checkbox"/> know	c became
4 <input type="checkbox"/> think	d knew
5 <input type="checkbox"/> take	e saw

2 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I was tired and I **wanted** (want) to go home.
- 2 I **didn't stay** (not stay) inside when it rained, so I got wet.
- 3 My dad **studied** (study) Maths at university.
- 4 Ralph **didn't help** (not help) us to organise the party last week.
- 5 I **spotted** (spot) Tim in the park yesterday.
- 6 Sara **didn't look** (not look) very happy yesterday.

3 ● Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of these pairs of verbs.

feel, make / get, not go / meet, not like
not take, go / see, not know

- 1 We were scared when we **saw** the flood and we **didn't know** what to do.
- 2 Jake **took** many photos when he **came** to Canada last year.
- 3 The storm **was** quite bad, so we **stayed** outside.
- 4 I **wasn't** really happy with the app that I **used** in the IT lesson.
- 5 She **met** George last year, but she **didn't know** him at first.

4 ● Complete the dialogues. Use the Past Simple.

- 1 A: Where **did you save** our presentation?
B: I saved it in a new folder on the desktop.
- 2 A: When **happened** the hurricane?
B: It happened on Tuesday night.
- 3 A: Where **put** your coat?
B: I put it in the kitchen.
- 4 A: **Took** any photos of the storm?
B: No, I didn't.
- 5 A: When **moved** to Paris?
B: I moved to Paris last summer.

5 ● Complete the text with the Past Simple form of these verbs.

become feel help not sleep not stop
not think not want see visit watch

Wow! What amazing weather! ¹ Did you **see** the snowstorm last night? It started at about eight o'clock and at first, I ² **thought** it was very bad. But the snow soon ³ **became** quite thick on the ground. It ⁴ **wasn't** snowing for hours! I ⁵ **didn't sleep** at all because I ⁶ **was** so excited – I ⁷ **watched** to miss anything! This morning, some friends ⁸ **helped** us and ⁹ **took** us to clear the snow away from our door. I don't know about the weather today. ¹⁰ **Did** you **watch** the weather forecast this morning? What's the weather like where you are?

6 ● Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Yes, I ¹ **saw** the snowstorm ² **last** night – it was amazing! The last storm like this was five years ³ **ago**. It ⁴ **was** place ⁵ **in** December, right at the beginning of the winter. We made some amazing snowmen that year, but unfortunately, they ⁶ **didn't** last very long because the snow soon melted. I posted some photos yesterday, when the storm started. ⁷ **Did** you see them?