

The past simple: regular verbs

Charlie, Molly and Harry **played** games at the party. They **didn't watch** TV.



Generally, we add **-ed** to the end of the base form to form the past simple of regular verbs.



Affirmative

I waited
you waited
he waited
she waited
it waited
we waited
you waited
they waited

Negative

I did not wait
you did not wait
he did not wait
she did not wait
it did not wait
we did not wait
you did not wait
they did not wait

Short forms

I didn't wait
you didn't wait
he didn't wait
she didn't wait
it didn't wait
we didn't wait
you didn't wait
they didn't wait

Look at this other rule:

Verb	Example	Add	Past simple
ends in -e	live	+ -d	lived

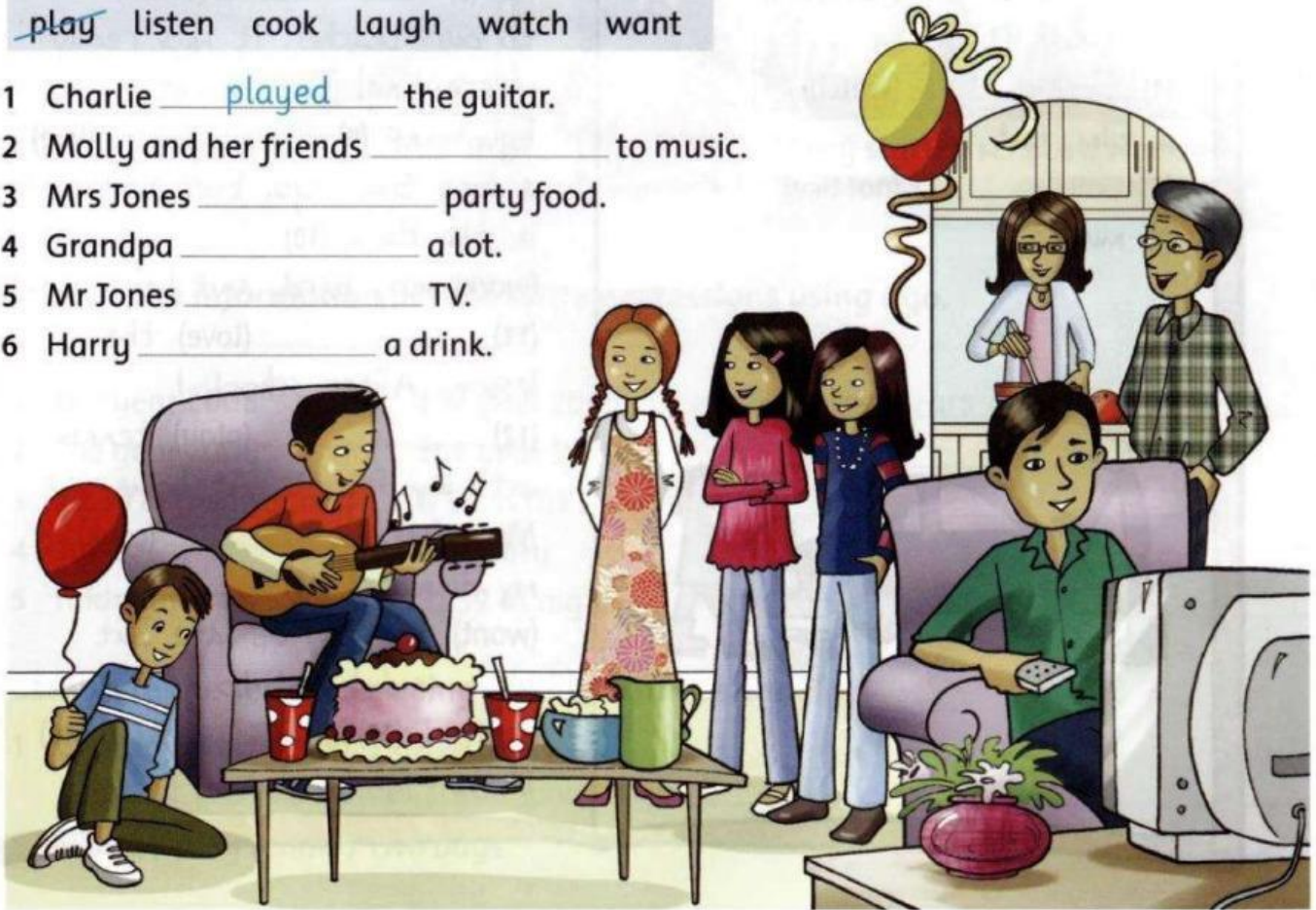
1 Write the past simple affirmative of these verbs.

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 watch <u>watched</u> | 2 live _____ |
| 3 love _____ | 4 cook _____ |
| 5 start _____ | 5 laugh _____ |
| 7 finish _____ | 6 listen _____ |
| 9 hate _____ | 10 work _____ |

2 Look at the picture. Complete these sentences about the party with a word from the box in the past simple.

play listen cook laugh watch want

- 1 Charlie played the guitar.
- 2 Molly and her friends _____ to music.
- 3 Mrs Jones _____ party food.
- 4 Grandpa _____ a lot.
- 5 Mr Jones _____ TV.
- 6 Harry _____ a drink.



3 Make the sentences in exercise 2 negative.

- 1 Charlie didn't play the guitar.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

4 Complete Charlie's diary, using the past simple affirmative and negative of the verbs in brackets.

Sunday 11th May

Harry and I (1) washed
(wash) Dad's car. Well,
I (2) _____ (start)
to wash it, but Harry
(3) _____ (not want)
to finish it, so we
(4) _____ (watch)
a film, but we
(5) _____ (not like)
it much.



Monday 12th May

At school today, we
(6) watched (watch) a film
about ancient Egypt. When
it (7) _____ (finish),
we (8) _____ (listen)
to our teacher. It was really
interesting! The ancient
Egyptians (9) _____ (live)
a long time ago. Everybody
in the class (10) _____
(work) very hard, and I
(11) _____ (love) the
lesson. After school, I
(12) _____ (play) tennis
with my friends. At home,
Mum (13) _____ (cook)
my dinner. I (14) _____
(want) to stay up late but
Mum said I had to go to bed
early. I (15) _____ (hate)
that!

5 Write complete sentences using the past simple.

1 finish my dinner / I / last night

2 want / I / to get up / early

3 not / listen to music / Billy

4 the car / wash / we

5 Polly and Mum / cook lunch

6 Hassan / his teacher / helped

Ago

We use **ago** to talk about a specific time in the past. This can be a recent time or further back in history.

two minutes ago

a month ago

a few years ago

many years ago

a long time ago

Charlie started school three years **ago**.



6 Look at the information below. Write expressions using **ago**.

Now	Then	
1 the year 2008	the year 2005	<u>three years ago</u>
2 the year 2000	the year 1990	_____
3 10.30 in the morning	9.30 in the morning	_____
4 June	February	_____
5 midnight	11.59 at night	_____

7 Complete the sentences using the past simple and **ago**.

- Charlie / start school / three years
Charlie started school three years ago.
- Henry / play tennis / two days

- Steffi / finish her homework / two hours

- Dad / listen to a CD / a few minutes

- Kate / laugh at Kevin / a minute

- Mum and Dad / watch a DVD / a week
