

1 Underline the past simple forms in the sentences.

- 1 Where did they go?
- 2 Where was it?
- 3 Did they have a good time?
- 4 We closed our eyes.
- 5 Jim, Simon and I travelled by tram to the bus station.
- 6 My wallet wasn't there.
- 7 My first holiday was with my friend Tom.
- 8 We didn't want my parents to drive us, so we went by bus and then on foot.
- 9 We dried everything.

Now answer these questions.

- 1 Which past simple verbs are regular?
- 2 Which past simple verbs are irregular?
- 3 Which verb never has *did* in questions and negatives?

GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

Be



Positive	I / He / She / It was at home. You / We / They were at school.
Negative	I / He / She / It wasn't at school. You / We / They weren't at home.
Questions	Was I / he / she / it at home? Were you / we / they at school?
Short answers	Yes, I / he / she / it was . No, I / he / she / it wasn't . Yes, you / we / they were . No, you / we / they weren't .

Spelling: regular verbs

Most verbs add -ed	<i>play</i> → <i>played</i> <i>climb</i> → <i>climbed</i>
verbs that end in -e , add -d	<i>decide</i> → <i>decided</i> <i>arrive</i> → <i>arrived</i>
verbs that end in consonant + -y , change -y to -i and add -ed	<i>carry</i> → <i>carried</i>
one-syllable verbs ending in a vowel + a consonant (except w, x or y), double the consonant and add -ed	<i>stop</i> → <i>stopped</i>
two-syllable verbs ending in a stressed vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add -ed	<i>prefer</i> → <i>preferred</i>
In British English, we double the final l in <i>travel</i>	<i>travel</i> → <i>travelled</i> (America English: <i>travel</i> → <i>traveled</i>)

Regular and irregular verbs

Positive	I / You / He / She / It / We / They climbed ... I / You / He / She / It / We / They knew ...
Negative	I / You / He / She / It / We / They didn't want ... I / You / He / She / It / We / They didn't write ...
Questions	Did I / you / he / she / it / we / they travel ? Did I / you / he / she / it / we / they fly ?
Short answers	Yes, I / you / he / she / it / we / they did . No, I / you / he / she / it / we / they didn't .

- We use the past simple to talk about things that happened or didn't happen in the past.
Simon and I travelled by tram to the bus station.
We didn't want my parents to drive us.

SUBJECT QUESTIONS

We normally use *do* or *did* in questions.

Where do you live?

What did you eat yesterday?

However, we don't use *do* or *did* if the question word (*who*, *what*, etc.) is the subject. Look at these questions:



1 Complete this paragraph with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Last summer, I (0) *visited* (visit) Moscow with my family. We (1) _____ (fly) from London. On the first day, we (2) _____ (go) to the tourist information office and we (3) _____ (ask) for information about the city. My sister (4) _____ (want) to go to the zoo. My dad (5) _____ (not want) to go there, so he (6) _____ (go) shopping. The next day, we (7) _____ (walk) to Red Square and we (8) _____ (see) the Kremlin. We (9) _____ (not go) inside the museum because it (10) _____ (be) closed. We (11) _____ (have) a fantastic holiday there.

4 Read questions a and b and complete the answers. Then answer questions 1–4.

a Who did Sophie invite to go on holiday with her?

She invited _____ to go on holiday with her.

b Who lost his wallet?

_____ lost his wallet.

1 Which past simple question uses *did* + infinitive, **a** or **b**? _____

2 What is the verb form in the other question? _____

3 Is question **a** asking for information about the subject or object? _____

4 Is question **b** asking for information about the subject or object? _____

5 Choose a or b for each question.

1 Who did the boy see?

- ☐ **a** His mother saw him.
☐ **b** He saw his mother.

2 Who saw the boy?

- ☐ **a** His mother saw him.
☐ **b** He saw his mother.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the questions.

0 Who *did lend* / *lent* Fred money for the coach?

1 What _____ at the cinema?

2 What _____ to you? You're late!

3 Who _____ the cake?

4 Where _____ on holiday?

5 Who _____ their homework last night?

6 Complete the sentences using the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 What _____ (eat) when you were on holiday in Italy?
- 2 Who _____ (take) you to the airport?
- 3 Where _____ (you / go camping) last summer?
- 4 Who _____ (book) the flights, your mum or your dad?
- 5 Who _____ (you / go) on holiday with last summer?
- 6 Who _____ (buy) you your new bike? Was it your parents?

3 Complete the sentences using the past simple of the verb in brackets.

- 1 _____ (you / go) on holiday with your family last year?
- 2 They _____ (not travel) by boat to the island because the weather _____ (be) bad.
- 3 We _____ (want) to visit the museum, but we _____ (not have) time.
- 4 _____ (the plane / arrive) on time?
- 5 The holiday _____ (not be) great, but I _____ (enjoy) the afternoons on the beach.
- 6 _____ (you / be) in the mountains for the whole holiday?

7 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I maked two new friends on my holiday. => _____
- 2 Sorry we couldn't meet yesterday. I go shopping and then cycling with my mum. => _____
- 3 It was a rainy day on Saturday, so I spended the day at home. => _____
- 4 I watch TV and played on the computer yesterday evening. => _____
- 5 It was a pity you lefted the party early last Friday. => _____

8 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Where did you go on your last holiday?
- 2 Who did you go with?
- 3 How did you get there?
- 4 What did you do there?
- 5 What was the best thing you did? Why?

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The train to London _____ (be) really fast.
- 2 Martin's family _____ (go) to Paris by coach because it was the cheapest way.
- 3 Jane was only 15 but she _____ (know) more than most adults about computers.
- 4 How _____ you _____ (get) to Moscow?
- 5 _____ (be) Tom in Ankara or in Istanbul last week?
- 6 We _____ (not have) a good time on our holiday because we were all ill.
- 7 There _____ (not be) any trams yesterday because it snowed.

2 Complete the article with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive be do not stop spend
start travel visit wait

Graham's Big

Adventure

Between 2009 and 2012, Graham Hughes
 0 visited all the countries in the world. At that
 time, there 1 _____ 201 countries. There are
 now only 195. Graham 2 _____ this without
 taking a flight. He 3 _____ by boat, bus and
 train, by taxi and on foot, and he 4 _____
 \$100 a week on his journey. He 5 _____
 his amazing journey on New Year's Day 2009. It was
 sometimes very difficult. He often 6 _____
 for weeks for a boat. But Graham 7 _____,
 and on Monday 26th November 2012, the 1,426th day
 of his journey, he 8 _____ in the last country:
 South Sudan. Graham is the only person
 to see every country in
 the world without
 taking a flight.

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I went to Mar del Plata. I have a lovely day.

- 2 Last night I forgot my history book in your house.

- 3 I went shopping yesterday. I brought a very nice skirt and a sweater.

- 4 I liked the weather last week because it is hot.

4 Which past simple questions need the word *did*?

- 0 Who _____ wanted to climb the old tower?
- 1 Who _____ you see on the plane?
- 2 Who _____ you go on holiday with?
- 3 Who _____ flew the plane?
- 4 Who _____ you meet at the hotel?
- 5 Who _____ found the bags?
- 6 Who _____ spoke to the passengers?