

► Grammar

Past simple of *be*

1 Choose the correct word.

- A Where was/were you yesterday afternoon?
 B Oh, I ¹was/were at the library.
 A No, you ²wasn't/weren't. The library ³wasn't/weren't open. ⁴Was/Were you at the shopping centre?
 B No! I ⁵wasn't/weren't at the shopping centre. OK, I ⁶was/were with Sara and we ⁷was/were at the café. Why? ⁸Was/Were there a party or something?
 A No, it ⁹was/were the football match. We ¹⁰wasn't/weren't very good. Thanks to you, there ¹¹was/were only ten players in our team!

2 Write the sentence with *was* or *were*.

- > where/you/yesterday?
Where were you yesterday?
 1 they/at the cinema?

 2 who/your/favourite actor?

 3 she/a Maths teacher?

 4 when/they/born?

Past simple: positive and negative (regular verbs)

3 Complete the table. Use the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

carry	change	discover	invade	invent	like
live	marry	name	paint	plan	play
prefer	study	travel	visit		

+ -d	+ -ed
y + -ied	double the final letter + -ed
carried	

4 Complete the sentences with the affirmative or negative past simple form of each verb in exercise 3.

- 1 In 1937, the artist Pablo Picasso painted the picture *Guernica*. He _____ the *Mona Lisa*.
 2 The composer Beethoven also _____ the piano.
 3 William the Conqueror was French. He _____ England in 1066, and he ruled there from 1066–1087.
 4 The English _____ the American city 'New York' after the British city 'York'.
 5 In 2010, the actor Javier Bardem _____ the actress Penelope Cruz.
 6 The American inventor Thomas Edison really _____ reading – it was his favourite hobby.
 7 Christopher Columbus _____ Australia – he _____ America.
 8 Alexander Bell _____ the telephone; but he didn't want one in his office!

Past simple with *ago*

5 Tick the correct sentences. Then correct the false sentences.

- > ☒ We visited London two years **ago**.
 1 ☐ I asked her two days **ago**.
 2 ☐ They walked **ago** home two hours.
 3 ☐ You looked for them a week **ago**.
 4 ☐ The animals escaped **ago** five minutes.

6 Rewrite the sentences. Use the past simple and *ago*.

- > They/watch/a horror film/on Tuesday (It's now Friday.)
They watched a horror film three days ago.
 1 Joe/finish/his homework/at 7.50 p.m. (It's now 8.00 p.m.)

 2 I/visit/my friend in London/in February (It's now August.)

 3 We/play/basketball at 10 o'clock this morning (It's now 1 o'clock in the afternoon.)

 4 Gillie/move/to Bilbao in 2005 (It's now 2013.)

5 Grammar & vocabulary revision

Past simple: positive and negative (regular and irregular verbs)

7 Complete the sentences. Use the correct past simple form of the verb.

- > They named (name) the dog 'Bikolo'.
- I _____ (find) the bag under the desk.
 - He _____ (go) there on holiday.
 - We _____ (do) a tour of the castle.
 - She _____ (have) pizza for dinner.
 - My mum _____ (meet) my dad at a dance.

8 Complete Natalie's email about her holiday. Use the verbs in the box in the past simple.

build	buy	eat	go	have
like	see	not stay	not want	

I had a great holiday in July!
 I ¹ _____ at home – I ² _____ to Salamanca, in Spain! Salamanca is a really pretty town, and I ³ _____ lots of interesting old buildings. I really ⁴ _____ the university – that was my favourite place. Architects and builders ⁵ _____ it between 1134 and 1255, so it's very old! We spent a lot of time exploring the city. We also did a lot of shopping, and I ⁶ _____ postcards, sweets and biscuits to give to my friends at home. I ⁷ _____ a lot of sweets too, of course – my favourite! At the end of the holiday, I ⁸ _____ to come home.

Past simple: questions and short answers

9 Write the questions in the past simple. Then match the questions 1–6 with the answers a–g.

- > g Did you watch (you/watch) TV last night?
- _____ (Alexander Bell/invent) the telephone?
 - _____ (she/finish) her homework last night?
 - _____ (Where/they/meet) Alice?
 - _____ (What/you/eat) at the restaurant?
 - _____ (you and Jack/see) the exhibition?
 - _____ (Where/they/buy) those CDs?
- a At a market. e At the cinema.
 b Yes, we did. f No, she didn't.
 c I ate salad. g ~~Yes, I did.~~
 d Yes, he did.

10 Write the questions for the answers.

- > What did he invent?
 He invented the telephone.
- > Did they go to the beach?
 Yes, they went to the beach.
- What _____?
 I read some magazines.
 - _____?
 Yes, I cooked dinner.
 - Where _____?
 We met at the library.
 - _____?
 Yes, we travelled by bus.
 - Who _____?
 I saw Sarah.

Vocabulary Famous people

11 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

actors	artists	explorers
musicians	scientists	writers

- > John Cabot and James Cook were explorers.
- Orlando Bloom, Brad Pitt and Johnny Depp are _____.
 - Albert Einstein, Alfred Nobel and Marie Curie were _____.
 - Picasso, Monet and El Greco were _____.
 - Shakespeare, Cervantes and Dante were _____.
 - Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley were _____.

Irregular verbs

12 Choose the correct word.

- > have had/haved
- swim swam/swimmed
 - sleep slept/sleep
 - sell sold/sold
 - drink drank/drank
 - make made/made
 - say said/said
 - choose chose/chose
 - buy bought/bought
 - come came/come
 - find found/finde