# PAST SIMPLE

## Talking about the past

Let's match these events to the dates

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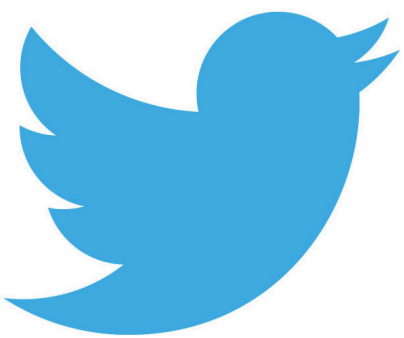
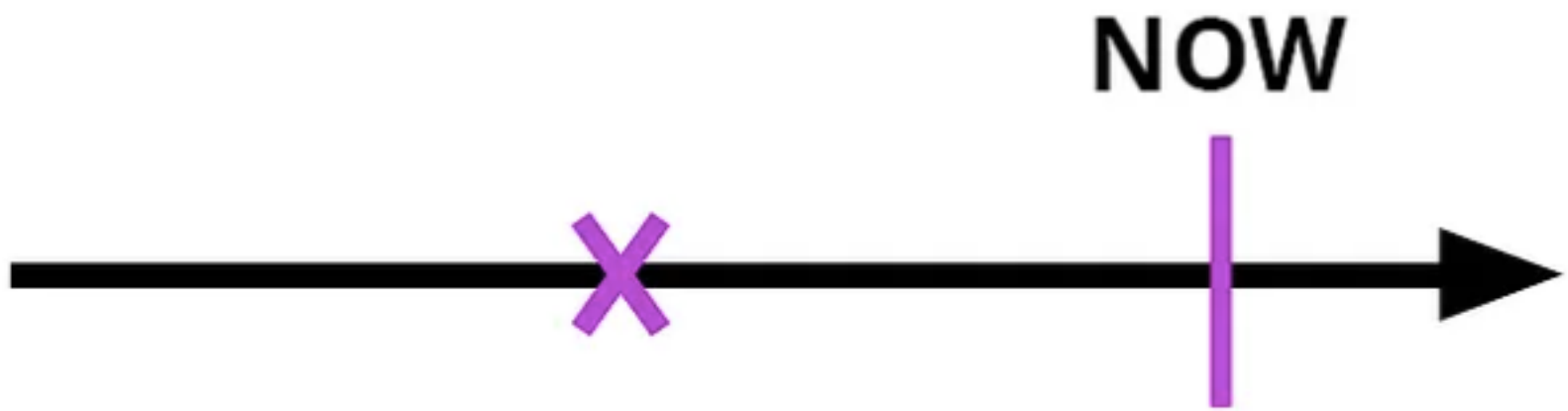
| 1. The creation of the World Wide Web | a) 2006 |
| 2. The start of Facebook | b) 1990 |
| 3. The launch of Twitter | c) 1995 |
| 4. The creation of Java Script | d) 2004 |






Were you in Dubai last week?

We use Past Simple to talk about past.

Yesterday

Last week/month/year/summer…

In 1990

5 years ago

2 minutes ago

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| + | I **was**<br>He/She/It **was**<br>You/We/They **were** |
| - | I **was not** ***(= wasn't)***<br>He/She/It **was not**<br>You/We/They **were not** ***(= weren't)*** |
| ? | **Was** I ...?<br>**Was** he/she/it ...?<br>**Were** you/we/they ...?<br><br>+ Yes, I was. / Yes, they were.<br>- No, I wasn't. / No. they weren't. |

## Usage

- Use **was/were** for past states.

*Yesterday Tim **was** at the museum of illusions.*

*— **Were** you in Dubai last week?*

*— **Yes, I was.***

*We **weren't** late for the show.*

## Common mistakes

× ~~Ann **were** late this morning.~~ ✓ Ann **was** late this morning.

## Fill in the sentences with *was/were* or *wasn't/weren't*

1 We weren't happy with our holiday. It w short, and it w fun.

Lucy and Ben w at work yesterday because they w ill.

We w afraid of the flu, but we w really afraid of coronavirus.

2 Were your friends at university yesterday? Anastasia w , but Alexander w .

## Complete the sentences with *was/wasn't* or *were/weren't*

1 — Were you at the party yesterday?

— Yes, I w _____ .

2 — Were you on a plane two days ago?

— No, I w _____ .

3 — Were your children in Amsterdam last January?

— Yes, they w _____ .

4 — Was Chris in the hospital last week?

— No, he w _____ .

5 — Were they in China last month?

— Yes, they w _____

# Past Simple. Regular Verbs

VERB + ed

| INFINITIVE | | PAST SIMPLE |
|---|---|---|
| to install | | installed |
| to develop | | developed |
| to check | | checked |
| to disconnect | + ed | disconnected |
| to switch | | switched |
| to plug | | plugged |
| to unplug | | unplugged |
| to launch | | launched |

## Spelling rules

- Regular verbs **+ -ed:**

walk → walk**ed**, listen → listen**ed**

- Verbs ending in **-e + -d:**

arriv**e** → arriv**ed**, bak**e** → bak**ed**

- Verbs ending in a consonant **+ -y → ~~y~~ + -ied:**

stud**y** → stud**ied**, fr**y** → fr**ied**

BUT play → play**ed**, stay → stay**ed**

- **Mind doubled** letters in verbs ending in **consonant + vowel + consonant:**

d**r**o**p** → dro**pp**ed, pre**f**e**r** → prefe**rr**ed

## Complete the sentences using the verbs from the list in Past Simple

brush, close, start, finish, enjoy, want

1 I _____ my teeth four times yesterday.

2 I _____ the window because it was cold in the office.

3 The match _____ at 7 p.m. and _____ at 8:45 p.m.

4 When I was a child, I _____ playing with a teddy bear.

5 It was very hot yesterday, so I _____ to eat some ice cream.

## Put the verbs in the correct form. Use Past Simple

1 Sorry, I copy copied your homework.

2 I carry four bags of products from the shop yesterday.

3 I play with a kitten an hour ago.

4 I plan planned to stay at home last night.

5 I stop smoking two years ago.

6 Her grandmother die in 1999.

You know nothing about Past Simple,
John Snow!

| Present | Past simple |
| --- | --- |
| be /biː/ | was /wɒz/<br>were /wɜː/ |
| become /bɪˈkʌm/ | became /bɪˈkeɪm/ |
| begin /bɪˈgɪn/ | began /bɪˈgæn/ |
| break /breɪk/ | broke /brəʊk/ |
| bring /brɪŋ/ | brought /brɔːt/ |
| build /bɪld/ | built /bɪlt/ |
| buy /baɪ/ | bought /bɔːt/ |
| can /kæn/ | could /kʊd/ |
| catch /kætʃ/ | caught /kɔːt/ |
| come /kʌm/ | came /keɪm/ |
| cost /kɒst/ | cost |
| do /duː/ | did /dɪd/ |
| drink /drɪŋk/ | drank /dræŋk/ |
| drive /draɪv/ | drove /drəʊv/ |
| eat /iːt/ | ate /eɪt/ (or /et/) |
| fall /fɔːl/ | fell /fel/ |
| feel /fiːl/ | felt /felt/ |
| find /faɪnd/ | found /faʊnd/ |
| fly /flaɪ/ | flew /fluː/ |
| forget /fəˈget/ | forgot /fəˈgɒt/ |
| get /get/ | got /gɒt/ |
| give /gɪv/ | gave /geɪv/ |
| go /gəʊ/ | went /went/ |

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|---|---|
| have /hæv/ | had /hæd/ |
| hear /hɪə/ | heard /hɜːd/ |
| know /nəʊ/ | knew /njuː/ |
| leave /liːv/ | left /left/ |
| lose /luːz/ | lost /lɒst/ |
| make /meɪk/ | made /meɪd/ |
| meet /miːt/ | met /met/ |
| pay /peɪ/ | paid /peɪd/ |
| put /pʊt/ | put |
| read /riːd/ | read /red/ |
| run /rʌn/ | ran /ræn/ |

| | |
|---|---|
| say /seɪ/ | said /sed/ |
| see /siː/ | saw /sɔː/ |
| send /send/ | sent /sent/ |
| sing /sɪŋ/ | sang /sæŋ/ |
| sit /sɪt/ | sat /sæt/ |
| sleep /sliːp/ | slept /slept/ |
| speak /spiːk/ | spoke /spəʊk/ |
| spend /spend/ | spent /spent/ |
| stand /stænd/ | stood /stʊd/ |
| swim /swɪm/ | swam /swæm/ |
| teach /tiːtʃ/ | taught /tɔːt/ |
| take /teɪk/ | took /tʊk/ |
| tell /tel/ | told /təʊld/ |
| think /θɪŋk/ | thought /θɔːt/ |

| | |
|---|---|
| understand /ʌndəˈstænd/ | understood /ʌndəˈstʊd/ |
| wake /weɪk/ | woke /wəʊk/ |
| wear /weə/ | wore /wɔː/ |
| win /wɪn/ | won /wʌn/ |
| write /raɪt/ | wrote /rəʊt/ |

to wake up, to hear, to sleep, to tell, to pay, to tell, to know, to be, to leave, to make, to lose

Jane had an unlucky day. She Woke up at night because she heard some noise. She slept till 11 a.m. and was late for work. Jane told her boss that she paid the office bill. He told her that he knew it was a lie. After that, she left the company. Jane made a mistake and lost her job.

# Negative forms of Past Simple

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## did+not=didn’t

I created this application.
I didn’t create this application.

I ate those red apples.
I didn’t eat those red apples.

## Complete the sentences with the same verbs to get the negative form

1. I worked on Saturday, but I didn't _____ on Tuesday.
2. I studied English at school, but I didn't _____ German.
3. I travelled to France, but I didn't _____ to the Netherlands.
4. I enjoyed the music at that party, but I didn't _____ the food.
5. I watched comedies on New Year's Eve, but I didn't _____ "Home Alone".

# Questions in Past Simple

# Did

Did they discuss the specifications?

-Yes, they did.

-No, they didn’t.

## Make questions using the verbs from the list

play, stay, phone, live, open

1 — _____ tennis last Sunday?

— Yes, and I was a winner.

2 — Where _____ in Los Angeles last month?

— In a hotel.

3 — _____ your grandfather yesterday?

— No, I was busy.

4 — _____ in another country before?

— Yes, in Poland.

***Complete the text with the verbs in the box using Past Simple***

**analyse test discuss create give find out**

**The steps in website development**

First, we 1) _____with the customer their requirements and the target audience. We 2) _____what features and number of pages they wanted on their site. Then we 3) _____the information from the customer and 4) _____a website specification. After that we assigned a specialist to write the website content. Next, we 5) _____the project to programmers for coding. Finally, we 6) _____the website.

1. When did you finish school?
2. When did you graduate from the University?
3. What did you do yesterday?
4. What did you do last Sunday?
5. What did you do last summer?

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