

Past simple (affirmative)

I can use the past simple affirmative.

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the regular verbs below.

decide die drop look marry move stop
study talk want

- My dad _____ maths at university.
- We live in Oxford. We _____ here five years ago.
- Jason _____ at me and smiled.
- The train _____ at the station and we got off.
- Jenny _____ on the phone with her friend for over two hours!
- In the end, we _____ to go on holiday to Italy, not to France.
- The goalkeeper had the ball, but then he _____ it.
- My mum _____ my dad in 1988.
- I _____ to go to the shopping mall, but my mum said no.
- Sadly, my grandma _____ last year. She was 98.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple affirmative form of the irregular verbs in brackets.

- Emma tried on a green dress and a blue dress in the clothes shop, and _____ (choose) the blue one.
- I _____ (find) £20 in the street last Saturday.
- We _____ (go) bowling yesterday evening.
- Somebody _____ (steal) my smartphone from my schoolbag.
- The film _____ (begin) at seven and finished at ten.
- It _____ (take) six hours to drive from London to Edinburgh.
- Hannah _____ (feel) relieved when she got her exam results.
- Tom and Matt _____ (be) upset that George didn't invite them to his party.
- We _____ (get) home at eight o'clock on Sunday.
- Millie _____ (spend) all her money on computer games.

3 Complete the texts with the past simple affirmative of the verbs in brackets.

Callie Rogers ¹ _____ (be) just sixteen when she ² _____ (win) the lottery in 2003. She ³ _____ (give) up her job as a shop assistant and ⁴ _____ (start) to spend her money. She ⁵ _____ (take) her family on expensive holidays, ⁶ _____ (invite) all her friends to big parties every weekend and ⁷ _____ (have) cosmetic surgery. Ten years later, she ⁸ _____ (have) just £2,000 left. But she's happy now. 'I ⁹ _____ (be) too young to win the lottery,' she ¹⁰ _____ (say).

4 Correct the verbs in sentences 1–5.

- We was at home last night. X _____
- I dropped my phone on the floor. X _____
- I gived my brother a book for his birthday. X _____
- My sister studyed maths at university. X _____
- I spended all my pocket money on sweets. X _____

5 Write five true sentences about what you did last weekend. Use past simple forms of the verbs below to help you, or your own ideas.

be get go have phone play study
take talk visit watch

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Tom Crist ¹¹ _____ (get) a big surprise when he ¹² _____ (answer) his phone on 16 December 2013. He ¹³ _____ (be) a lottery winner, and the prize ¹⁴ _____ (be) enormous – \$40 million! He ¹⁵ _____ (decide) not to tell anyone about the win. He immediately ¹⁶ _____ (give) all the money to charities. 'I don't really need that money,' he ¹⁷ _____ (say). 'My wife ¹⁸ _____ (die) earlier in the year so I ¹⁹ _____ (choose) cancer charities that ²⁰ _____ (help) her.'

Past simple (negative and interrogative)

I can use the past simple to describe events.

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

- We _____ (get) to the hotel in time for dinner.
- Our team _____ (win) the last match of the season.
- It was a long film, but I _____ (feel) bored.
- They _____ (spend) all their money on holiday.
- My aunt _____ (be) at the family wedding last weekend.
- Our teacher _____ (give) us a lot of homework.
- It _____ (rain) at all last month.
- I enjoyed the film, but I _____ (can) understand all of the dialogue.

2 Complete the first part of each sentence with the correct past simple negative form.



- I *didn't go* skiing last winter, I went snowboarding.
- Einstein _____ in 1965, he died in 1955.
- The holidays _____ yesterday, they began last week.
- My grandparents _____ born in Russia, they were born in Germany.
- I _____ 'thirteen', I said 'thirty'.
- We _____ the first half of the match, but we saw the second half.
- At the age of five, I _____ ride a bike, but I could ski.
- It _____ warm yesterday, but it was sunny.

3 Make these sentences true for you. Use the past simple affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ (can) swim when I was five.
- Last weekend, I _____ (do) a lot of homework.
- Five years ago, I _____ (be) a student at this school.
- Ten years ago, I _____ (live) in a different town.
- I _____ (make) my own breakfast this morning.
- I _____ (choose) the clothes I'm wearing now.
- Last night, I _____ (go) out with my friends.
- When I was six, I _____ (study) English.

4 Complete the dialogue with the question words below.

how often what when where which who why

- Mia Hi, Henry. ¹ _____ did you do at the weekend?
- Henry I went to the beach on Saturday.
- Mia That's nice! ² _____ did you go with?
- Henry Matt and Alex.
- Mia Alex West? ³ _____ do you see him?
- Henry Only two or three times a year. He doesn't live near here any more.
- Mia ⁴ _____ does he live now?
- Henry In London.
- Mia Does he? ⁵ _____ part of London?
- Henry I'm not sure. North London, I think.
- Mia ⁶ _____ did he move?
- Henry I think his mum got a new job. Anyway, ⁷ _____ did you last see him?
- Mia Oh, about two years ago.

5 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write answers that are true for you.

- homework / how much / last / did / you / night / do / ?

- with / travel / did / to / school / you / who / today / ?

- best / meet / where / you / did / friend / your / ?

- first / teacher / who / your / was / English / ?

6 Read the sentences. Then write questions for the given answers.

- Jack gave his old bike to his sister.
Q: *What did Jack give his sister?*
A: His old bike.
- Sam had dinner early because he was hungry.
Q: _____?
A: He was hungry.
- Mason and Tyler went to London together.
Q: _____?
A: He went with Tyler.
- Grace listened to three Lady Gaga CDs.
Q: _____?
A: Three.