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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Past simple: affirmative, negative and questions; regular and irregular verbs

I can describe recent past events in my personal life.

Past simple

1 Choose the correct option a or b. Then check your answers in the text on page 38.

- Where did Jade see the Pyramids?
a. In Egypt b. In Rome
- The dinosaurs looked ...
a. friendly. b. unfriendly.
- She ... dinner with Queen Victoria in London.
a. had b. didn't have
- Did Jade watch a football match in Brazil?
a. Yes, she did. b. No, she didn't.

2 Study the sentences in exercise 1. Then choose the correct words in the Rules.

RULES

- The past simple form of a verb is **the same / different** for all persons.
- In negative sentences, we use *didn't* + the **base / past simple** form of the verb.
- In questions, we use (question word) *did* + subject + the **base / past simple** form of the verb.

3 Order the words to make sentences and questions.

- her grandparents / talk / Jade / did / to / ?
- you / rice / do / noodles / or / like / ?
- visited / Jim / summer / Nha Trang / last
- meet / your / where / parents / did / ?
- we / yesterday / play / didn't / football

4  1.35 **PRONUNCIATION** Rhythm and intonation

When we put stress on a word, it has a strong beat.

When we don't put stress on a word, it has a weak beat.

Mary was *here* yesterday. (• - • •)

The voice falls on the final stressed syllable of a group of words (falling intonation), common in wh-questions.

Where was Mary yesterday? (- - - \)

The voice rises at the last syllable of the last word (rising intonation) in yes / no questions.

Was Mary *here* yesterday? (- - - /)

We use fall-rise intonation when we are not sure.

Do you like tea or coffee? (- - - / - \)

Read the sentences in exercise 3, paying attention to the rhythm and intonation. Listen and check.

5 Read the Study Strategy. Follow instructions 1–3.

STUDY STRATEGY

Learning irregular verbs

- Find ten past tense verbs in exercise 1 on page 38.
- When you find a new verb, check the irregular verbs list on page 127. Then add the verb to your list.
- Memorise five irregular verbs every week.


Regular and irregular verbs

6 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

A disappointing day

Last Saturday I **went** (go) to a football match with friends. We ¹ (travel) by bus and the journey ² (take) two hours. We ³ (arrive) late, so we ⁴ (not have) time for lunch. After half an hour it ⁵ (start) to rain. I ⁶ (not have) a coat so I ⁷ (get) very wet. Our team ⁸ (not play) well. They ⁹ (lose) 5–0. It ¹⁰ (not be) a very good day.



7  **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Ask and answer about your recent past events.

Did you have pizza last night?

No, I didn't. I had phở.

Finished?

Imagine you went back in time. Write a description of where you went, what you did, and who and what you saw.