

Past simple of the verb 'to be'

Affirmative	Negative		Interrogative
	Long form	Short form	
I was	I was not	I wasn't	Was I?
You were	You were not	You weren't	Were you?
He was	He was not	He wasn't	Was he?
She was	She was not	She wasn't	Was she?
It was	It was not	It wasn't	Was it?
We were	We were not	We weren't	Were we?
You were	You were not	You weren't	Were you?
They were	They were not	They weren't	Were they?

1 Fill in the gaps with *am, is, are, was or were*.

Dear Diary,

My family and I 1) *are* just back from an amazing holiday in the Bahamas. We had a great time! The weather 2) fantastic; it 3) really hot and sunny. My family and I 4) so happy there. I know it 5) not that long ago but I 6) already missing the sun and the sea, especially today because the weather 7) cold here. On the other hand, of course, it 8) nice to be back home with all my friends.

Regular verbs: We form the past simple of regular verbs by adding -ed.

Affirmative	Negative	
	Long form	Short form
I stayed	I did not stay	I didn't stay
You stayed	You did not stay	You didn't stay
He stayed	He did not stay	He didn't stay
She stayed	She did not stay	She didn't stay
It stayed	It did not stay	It didn't stay
We stayed	We did not stay	We didn't stay
You stayed	You did not stay	You didn't stay
They stayed	They did not stay	They didn't stay

Spelling

-e → + -d	one stressed vowel + consonant → double consonant + -ed	consonant + y → X + -ied	vowel + y → + -ed
like – liked	prefer – preferred	carry – carried	play – played
hate – hated	stop – stopped	study – studied	enjoy – enjoyed

Questions and short answers

Questions	Short answers
Did I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they go to the party?	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they did . No, I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they didn't .

4 Look at the list of irregular verbs at the back of the book and complete the table.

Infinitive	Past	Infinitive	Past	Infinitive	Past
1 go	went	11 take	21	did
2 have	12	stole	22 leave
3	came	13 drink	23 shine
4 be	14	put	24	became
5 wake	15 make	25 hear
6 meet	16 can	26 write
7	sang	17	found	27 say
8 speak	18 run	28	got
9	broke	19	told	29 see
10	cut	20 begin	30 hold

We use the Past Simple:

- for actions which finished at a stated time in the past.
She **went** to school by bus yesterday. (When? Yesterday)
- for actions that happened one after the other.
First he **had** breakfast and then he **left** for work.

Time expressions used with the past simple:

yesterday, then, last night / week / month / year, a week / month / year ago, two days ago, in 2003, when, etc.

6 Look at what Maria *did* and *didn't* do last Sunday. Then write sentences.

wake up late (X)

do her homework (✓)

speak to her friend, Mary (X)

have lunch with her grandparents (X)

take her dog, Fluffy, out for a walk (✓)

help her mother make dinner (✓)

1 Last Sunday, Maria didn't

wake up late

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7 Use the time expressions below to write true sentences about yourself.

three months ago

yesterday

last weekend

in 2008

last Tuesday

1 I went to a pop concert three...

months ago

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