Unit 8

Check-out

grammar revision

the past simple tense

### Uses

**We use the Past Simple to talk about:**

* finished actions:

*She* ***climbed*** *the stairs and went to her room. The weather* ***was*** *horrible yesterday.*

* past situations that are repeated or continuous, and past habits:

*I* ***went*** *to primary school in England. She always* ***rang*** *me on Fridays.*

##### Form

* Past simple of **BE** is **was / were: was** after the subject in the singular:

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| **Positive** | **Negative** | **Questions** |
| ***She was*** *angry.*  ***I was*** *late.*  ***It was*** *cold yesterday.* | ***She wasn’t*** *(*= *was not) angry.*  ***I wasn’t*** *late.*  ***It wasn’t*** *cold yesterday.* | ***Was she*** *angry?*  ***Was he*** *late?*  ***Was it*** *cold yesterday?* |

**were** after the subject in the plural:

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| **Positive** | ***Negative*** | **Questions** |
| *They* ***were*** *busy. We* ***were*** *angry.*  *You* ***were*** *friends at school.* | *They* ***weren’t (***= ***were not)*** *busy. We* ***weren’t*** *angry.*  *You* ***weren’t*** *friends at school.* | ***Were they*** *busy?*  ***Were we*** *angry?*  ***Were you*** *friends at school?* |

* In the Past Simple, we add **-ed** (or **-ied** for verbs ending -y) to the infinitive

##### **of** regular verbs **or use** the past form of irregular verbs:

*It rained all day yesterday.* (regular verb)

*I read your e-mail this morning.* (irregular verb) For a list of Irregular Verbs see **Appendix 6.**

* We say **-ed** in three different ways:

**/d/** after voiced sounds (vowels, b, g, l, m, n, v): smiled, opened, dabbed loved

**/t/** after voiceless sounds (f, k, ks, p, s, ts): cooked, escaped, laughed, watched, washed

**/id/** after **t** and **d**: needed, started, added

* In **questions and negative sentences,** we use **did** or **didn’t** and the infinitive:

***Did you see*** *the match last night? We* ***didn’t like*** *the play, it was too slow.*

##### Past Simple and time adverbials

* We can use the following time adverbials with the Past Simple:

***yesterday, last*** *month,* ***last*** *Monday,* ***last*** *year two days* ***ago,*** *three years* ***ago***

Their positions in a sentence can be at the beginning or end:

***Last week*** *I bought a new bike. My parents got married twenty* ***years ago.***

# Exersices

1. **Put in *am / is / are* (present) or *was / were* (past).**
   1. Last year she 23, so she 24 now.
   2. Today the weather nice, but yesterday it very cold.
   3. I very hungry. Can I have something to eat?
   4. I feel fine this morning, but I very tired last night.
   5. Don’t buy these shoes. They very expensive.
   6. This time last year I in Paris.
   7. ‘Where the children?’ — ‘I don’t know. They in the garden ten minutes ago’.
2. **Put in *was / were* or *wasn’t / weren’t*.**
   1. We weren’t happy with the hotel. Our room very small and it

very clean.

* 1. George at work last week because he ill. He’s better now.
  2. Yesterday a public holiday so the shops closed. They’re

open today.

* 1. ‘ Sue and Bill at the party?’ ‘Sue there but Bill .’
  2. ‘Where are my keys?’ ‘I don’t know. They on the table but they’re not there how.’
  3. You at home last night. Where you?
  4. the weather good when you on holiday?

##### Write questions. Use the words in the brackets in the correct order and *was / were*.

* 1. (late / you / this morning / why)
  2. (difficult / your exam)
  3. (last week / where / Ann and Pete)
  4. (angry / you / yesterday / why)
  5. (nice / the weather / last week)

1. **Give the past forms of these *regular verbs.* Show whether you would pronounce these past forms as */d/, /t/* or */id/* .**
   1. We an hour yesterday. (wait) /id/
   2. I TV all evening. (watch) / /
   3. Joan her room on Friday. (clean) / /
   4. We when we saw them. (laugh) / /
   5. I squash last night. (play) / /
   6. He the sergeant’s orders. (obey) / /
   7. She my letter yesterday. (post) / /
   8. We into the house. (hurry) / /
   9. I at her. (smile) / /
   10. You to me! (lie) / /
   11. She when she saw me. (stop) / /
   12. I early yesterday. (finish) / /
   13. I of you last night. (dream) / /
   14. It at 5. (start) / /
   15. Who the cakes? (burn) / /
   16. I the door before I left. (lock) / /
   17. He a lot as a baby. (cry) / /
   18. We first class. (travel) / /

##### Irregular past forms.

**Supply the past forms of the irregular verbs in italics.**

* 1. I often *see* Nick. I him again only yesterday.
  2. As teenagers, we always each other very well. We still

*understand* each other now.

* 1. I hardly Ray’s wife. Did you *know* her at all?
  2. We always *meet* on Sunday. We last Sunday as usual.
  3. I often *find* things on the beach. I this very old bottle yesterday.
  4. Someone’s always *leaving* that window open. Who it open this time?
  5. I a lot of letters when I was young. I hardly ever *write*

letters now.

* 1. They *sell* all kinds of rubbish now, but they once good handmade furniture.
  2. She *is* very good at figures, you know. She the first in maths at school.
  3. I *have* the same car now that I five years ago.
  4. I don’t *keep* pets now, but I a dog when I was a boy.
  5. Where did you *eat* last night? — We at a restaurant.

##### Complete sentences with the verb in the Past Simple negative.

* 1. I saw the manager but I the workers.
  2. They worked on Monday but they on Tuesday.
  3. We went to the Post office but we to the bank.
  4. I bought only a shirt, I trousers.
  5. He gave me the book but he his report.
  6. They paid for my room but they for my meals.
  7. They made only grammar mistakes, they spelling mistakes.

##### Write B’s questions. Use:

arrive / cost / go / go to bed late / happen / have a nice time / stay / win

* 1. A: We went to New York last month. B: Where ? A: In a hotel.
  2. A: I was late this morning.

B: When ? A: At half past nine.

* 1. A: I played tennis this afternoon. B: ? A: No, I lost.
  2. A: I had a nice holiday.

B: Where ? A: To the mountains.

* 1. A: We came home by taxi.

B: How much ? A: Two hundred dinars.

* 1. A: I’m tired this morning.

B: ?

A: No, but I didn’t sleep very well.

* 1. A: We went to the beach yesterday. B: ?

A: Yes, it was great.

* 1. A: The window is broken.

B: How ? A: I don’t know.

##### Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

* 1. It was warm, so I off my coat. (take)
  2. The film wasn’t very good. I it very much. (enjoy)
  3. I knew Sarah was very busy, so I her. (disturb)
  4. I was very tired, so I to bed early. (go)
  5. The bed was very uncomfortable. I very well. (sleep)
  6. Sue wasn’t hungry, so she anything. (eat)
  7. We went to Kate’s house but she at home. (be)
  8. It was a funny situation but nobody . (laugh)
  9. The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)
  10. The hotel wasn’t very expensive. It very much. (cost)
  11. I was in a hurry, so I time to phone you. (have)
  12. It was hard work carrying the bags. They very heavy. (be)