

## Unit five

### Past Simple

*to be, can and affirmative of regular and irregular verbs*

Past simple : to be			
Affirmative	I / He / She / It	was	at school.
	You / We / They	were	at school.
Negative	I / He / She / It	was not (wasn't)	at school.
	You / We / They	were not (weren't)	at school.
Yes/No Questions	Was	I / he / she / it	at school?
	Were	you / we / they	at school?
Short Answers	Yes, (I / he / she / it) was.		
	No, (I / he / she / it) was not / wasn't.		
	Yes, (you / we / they) were		
	No, (you / we / they) were not weren't		
Wh question	Where	was	I / he / she / it?
		were	you / we / they?

► We use the Past Simple to talk about events that started and ended in the past.

نستخدم الزمن الماضي البسيط للحديث عن الأحداث التي بدأت وانتهت في الماضي.

\* The Past Simple of *be* is *was/were*:

*They were both amazing artists.*

*Was she a famous writer?*

*He wasn't happy about the situation.*

#### Examples

1. I **was** very happy on my birthday.
2. She **wasn't** at school yesterday.
3. **Were** they in the park last night?
4. We **were** tired after the football match.
5. He **wasn't** my teacher last year.
6. **Was** it cold in the morning?
7. You **were** at the library yesterday.
8. Where **was** your brother yesterday?
9. They **weren't** ready for the test.
10. Why **were** you late to class?

Past simple: <i>can</i>			
<b>Affirmative</b>	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	could	Sing.
<b>Negative</b>	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	could not (couldn't)	Sing.
<b>Wh- questions</b>	What	could	I / you / he / she / it / we / they sing ?

➤ The past form of the verb *can* is *could*.

\* We use *could* and *couldn't* to talk about ability in the past:

نستخدم *could* و *couldn't* للحديث عن القدرة أو الإمكانية في الماضي.

*I could write well but I couldn't draw when I was a child.*

### Examples

1. I **could** ride a bike when I was six.
2. She **couldn't** find her keys yesterday.
3. **Could** you hear the teacher clearly?
4. They **could** play football very well.
5. We **couldn't** visit the museum because it was closed.
6. **What could** you see from the top of the hill?
7. He **could** draw beautiful pictures.
8. She **couldn't** come to the party last night.
9. **Could** they understand the story?
10. **Why couldn't** you finish your homework?

**Worksheet ( 7 )**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct word: was, were, could, or couldn't.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ very tired after school yesterday.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the library last night.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ play basketball when we were kids.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ find his phone this morning.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ they at the park yesterday?
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ very happy on your birthday.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you hear the music clearly?
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ ready for the test.
9. Why \_\_\_\_\_ she late to class?
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ draw a big cat when he was seven.
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ at home during the holiday.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ remember the answer to the question.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ it cold yesterday morning?
14. She \_\_\_\_\_ come to the party last week.
15. Where \_\_\_\_\_ your friends yesterday?

Past Simple: affirmative			
Regular verbs		Irregular verbs	
I / You / He / She / It / We / They	watched TV.	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	went to the park.

► We use the Past Simple to talk about actions and situations that started and finished in the past or happened at a specific time in the past:

نستخدم زمن الماضي البسيط للتحدث عن الأفعال والحالات التي بدأت وانتهت في الماضي أو حدثت في وقت محدد في الماضي.

*Omar watched the match yesterday.*

*Last year we went to Dubai.*

► Time expressions we use with the Past Simple:

*yesterday, last weekend / year, ten days / a minute ago, in 1969 / the 1980s / July.*

### Spelling rules

#### Regular verbs:

- infinitive: + *-ed*, e.g. *start – started, ask – asked*
- verbs ending in *-e*: + *-d*, e.g. *move – moved*
- verbs ending in a consonant + *-y*: *-y + -ied*, e.g. *study – studied*
- verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant:  
double the consonant + *-ed*, e.g. *stop – stopped*

#### Irregular verbs

For a list of irregular verbs, see page 72.

### Examples

#### Regular verbs:

- walk → walked → *I walked to the park yesterday.*
- play → played → *She played tennis last weekend.*
- watch → watched → *They watched a movie last night.*
- clean → cleaned → *He cleaned his room this morning.*
- cook → cooked → *We cooked dinner together.*

#### Irregular verbs:

- go → went → *I went to the store yesterday.*
- eat → ate → *She ate an apple for breakfast.*
- see → saw → *They saw a beautiful bird.*
- take → took → *He took a photo of the sunset.*
- have → had → *We had a great time at the party.*

**Worksheet ( 8 )**

Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) my room.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the market last weekend.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football after school.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) pizza for dinner last night.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a new movie yesterday.
6. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (take) many photos on vacation.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test last night.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a big birthday party last month.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school yesterday.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a funny video online.
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) spaghetti for dinner.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my friend at the cafe yesterday.

Past simple: negative and question forms			
<b>Affirmative</b>	I / You / He / She / It/ We / They	watched TV and went to the park.	
<b>Negative</b>	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	did not (didn't)	Watch TV and go to the park.
<b>Yes/No questions</b>	Did	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	Watch TV and go to the park?
<b>Short answers</b>	Yes, ( I/you/he/she/it/ we/they ) did. No, ( I/you/he/she/it/ we/they ) didn't.		
<b>Wh- questions</b>	What did	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	watch?

➤ We use **didn't + infinitive** to make negative sentences in the Past Simple:  
 نستخدم **didn't + المصدر (infinitive)** لتكوين الجمل **المنفية** في زمن الماضي البسيط.  
*We didn't read this book.*

➤ We use **did** to make questions:  
 نستخدم **did** لتكوين **الأسئلة** في زمن الماضي البسيط.  
*Did you work long yesterday?*

#### Examples

1. I **went** to the market yesterday.
2. She **didn't eat** breakfast this morning.
3. **Where did** they **watch** the new movie last night?
4. He **played** football on Sunday.
5. We **didn't take** many photos on vacation.
6. **When did** you **see** the beautiful bird in the garden?
7. They **visited** their grandparents last month.
8. She **didn't have** a birthday party last week.
9. **Did** he **study** for the test yesterday?
10. I **cleaned** my room yesterday.

**Worksheet (9)**

Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my friend yesterday.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) to school last Monday.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the new movie last night?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball on Saturday.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) lunch at home yesterday.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a documentary yesterday evening.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos at the party?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the kitchen yesterday morning.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) a meeting yesterday.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his homework last night?

Answers		1. visited	2. didn't go
3. Did ... see	4. played	5. didn't eat	6. watched
7. Did ... take	8. cleaned	9. didn't have	10. Did ... finish

## Worksheets answers

### Worksheet ( 1 )

1. eats	2. does not walk	3. Do you brush	4. Does your father work
5. play	6. do not watch	7. Does your sister read	8. Does the bus leave
9. cooks	10. does not sleep	11. Do they go	12. Does your teacher check
13. listens	14. does not drink	15. Does your brother clean	16. Do children like
17. visit	18. do not swim	19. Do you use	20. Does your friend call

### Worksheet ( 2 )

<b>Answers</b>	1. There is <b>some</b>	2. There isn't <b>any</b>	3. There are <b>some</b>
4. There aren't <b>any</b>	5. There is <b>some</b>	6. There are <b>some</b>	7. There isn't <b>any</b>
8. Is there <b>any</b>	9. Are there <b>any</b>	10. Is there <b>any</b>	

### Worksheet ( 3 )

<b>Answers</b>	1. can	2. can't	3. can
4. can't	5. can	6. Can	7. can
8. can't	9. Can	10. can	

### Worksheet ( 4 )

<b>Answers</b>				
1. some	2. some	3. no	4. some	5. any
6. any	7. some	8. no	9. any	10. some

### Worksheet ( 5 )

<b>Answers</b>	1. a lot of	2. too much	3. not much
4. a little	5. a few	6. not many	7. too many
8. not many	9. a little	10. a lot of	

Worksheet ( 6 )

<b>Answers</b>			
1. am cooking	2. is not watching	3. Are they playing	4. is reading
5. are not listening	6. Are your friends studying	7. is cleaning	8. is not sleeping
9. am writing	10. Is your brother running	11. are helping	12. is not talking

Worksheet ( 7 )

<b>Answers</b>			
1. was	2. was	3. could	
4. couldn't	5. Were	6. was	7. Could
8. weren't	9. was	10. could	11. were
12. couldn't	13. Was	14. couldn't	15. were

Worksheet ( 8 )

<b>Answers</b>			
1. cleaned	2. went	3. played	4. ate
5. watched	6. took	7. studied	8. had
9. walked	10. saw	11. cooked	12. met

Worksheet ( 9 )

<b>Answers</b>		1. visited	2. didn't go
3. Did ... see	4. played	5. didn't eat	6. watched
7. Did ... take	8. cleaned	9. didn't have	10. Did ... finish