

## Past Simple

We use past simple to describe something in the past that is finished.

Most verbs are regular, which means we simply add “ed” to make the past tense.

E.g. *I visited my grandparents yesterday.*

Some verbs are irregular, which means the past tense is different.

E.g. *I went to the hairdresser last week*

If we use “did” or “didn’t” to make a question or negative statement, the verb will *not* be in the past form.

Eg. “*Did you go to the supermarket yesterday?*”      “*No, I did not go yesterday*”

	Open Question	Closed Question	Positive	Negative
Regular	What did you do at work?	Did you check your email?	I checked my email yesterday	I didn't check my email
Irregular	What did you wear?	Did you wear a jacket?	I wore a jacket	I didn't wear a jacket
Verb to be	Where were you yesterday?	Were you at work yesterday?	I was at work yesterday	I was not at work yesterday



1. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the word.

- a) Did you *like* (like) the movie?
- b) John *was* (be) very late to work yesterday.
- c) I *called* (call) my mother yesterday.
- d) She *grew up* (grow up) in Berlin.
- e) They *didn't eat* (not/eat) their dinner.
- f) My boss *said* (say) he *was* (be) very happy with my work.
- g) The car *didn't stop* (not/stop) at the traffic lights
- h) He *was not* (not/be) very nice.
- i) She *sang* (sing) very well at the concert.
- j) Did you *go* (go) to the hospital?



## 2. Read the phone conversation and fill in the gaps with the correct form of the word.

*Sam:* Hi Sally, how are you?

*Sally:* I'm good, how are you?

*Sam:* I'm fine. I *had* (have) my birthday party last Saturday.

*Sally:* Right. I'm sorry I *didn't come* (not/come)

*Sam:* No problem.... Not many people *came* (come). So why didn't you come?

*Sally:* My dog *was* (be) sick.

*Sam:* Oh no, did she *have* (have) a stomach ache?

*Sally:* No, she *didn't have* (not/have) a stomach ache, but she *was* (be) very tired, and she *was not* (not/be) hungry, which is unusual.

*Sam:* That's not good. Did you *take* (take) her to the vet?

*Sally:* No, I *didn't take* (not/take) her to the vet, but I *gave* (give) her some medicine.

*Sam:* Wait a minute...last week you *said* (say) that you *didn't have* (not/have) a dog!

*Sally:* Ummm, yes, I *forgot* (forget) about her last week. Anyway Sam, I have to go now, bye!

*Sam:* Right. Bye.



## 3. Pair work: Student A: Write down a reason you didn't come to your partner's party.

**Student B:** Call student A and ask why they didn't come to the party. Ask as many questions as you can.

E.g. "Why didn't you come to my party?"

"Oh my car broke down"

"Oh, why didn't you catch the bus?"

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4. Listen to 3 conversations about holidays and answer the questions.

Conversation 1

- a) When did Louis go on holiday? *Last week*
- b) What did he like about London? *The people and the buildings*
- c) What didn't he like about London? *Food and trains*
- d) Did Louis bring any souvenirs back? *English tea*



Conversation 2

- a) Why didn't Carla go to Russia? *Her husband hates the cold*
- b) How long did the flight to Thailand take? *15 hours*
- c) Why was the flight so bad? *No food*
- d) How long did they stay in Thailand for? *3 days*



Conversation 3

- a) Whose idea was the motorbike trip? *Jerome's girlfriend*
- b) Why didn't Jerome see the Taj Mahal? *Didn't have enough time*
- c) How many kilometres did Jerome ride? *3000 kilometres*
- d) What did Jerome miss while he was away? *His bed*



5. Pair work: Student A write 5 sentences describing your last holiday. Student B listen and ask questions about the holiday.

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### Conversation 1 Audio Transcript

Jack: Hey Louis, I didn't see you at work last week, where were you?

Louis: I wasn't at work last week, I was on holiday.

Jack: Oh of course. Did you go anywhere?

Louis: Yes I did, I went to London.

Jack: Oh amazing, I really want to visit London. Did you have a good time?

Louis: Well... yes and no. The buildings were amazing, and the people were very friendly.

Jack: Ok... but it sounds like you didn't love it?

Louis: Well I didn't really like the food. And the trains were too crowded. I'm happy to be home.

Jack: Did you bring any souvenirs back?

Louis: I brought some special British tea.

### Conversation 2 Audio Transcript

Abby: Where did you go for your last holiday Carla?

Carla: Well I wanted to go to Russia, but my husband hates the cold, so we went to Thailand instead.

Abby: But that's so far away! How long did the flight take?

Carla: It took 15 hours. And there was a baby crying behind me crying the whole time. And they didn't have any food!

Abby: No food on a 15 hour flight? That's crazy. How long did you stay in Thailand for?

Carla: We didn't stay long, only 3 days.

Abby: For a 15 hour flight? That doesn't sound like a good idea.

Carla: 15 hours there and 15 hours back. It was a terrible idea.

### Conversation 3 Audio Transcript

Kristina: Jerome, I haven't seen you in so long, how was your holiday?

Jerome: It was amazing, the best holiday I've ever had.

Kristina: Really? Where did you go?

Jerome: We went to India and did a motorbike trip, it was amazing.

Kristina: What? That sounds dangerous, was your girlfriend ok with that?

Jerome: Of course, she was, it was her idea! We saw so many incredible cities and temples.

Kristina: Did you see the Taj Mahal?

Jerome: Unfortunately, we didn't get to see that, we didn't have enough time to see it before our flight left.

Kristina: Oh that's a shame. How long was your trip?

Jerome: In total it was about 4000 kilometres, but 1000 of that was by train. The rest was on motorbike.

Kristina: That's incredible.

Jerome: It was, but I'm happy to be back. I really missed my own bed.