

**GRAMMAR**

Past simple affirmative | *was / were*

1 Complete the dialogue with the correct past simple form of *be*.

**Max:** Where<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you this time last week?

**Elena:** I<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in London with my parents. We<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday for five days.

**Max:** Really? <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it good?

**Elena:** It<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ awesome, but the weather<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ good. In fact, it<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ terrible.

**Max:** Oh, no! What<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it like?

**Elena:** It<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cold and wet. There<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any sunny days. Not one!

**Max:** You<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ unlucky. My sister and her friends<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in London last May and there<sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a heatwave; 30° every day.

**Elena:** That's incredible. It<sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like that for us!

2 Complete the tables with the verbs in the box. Write the correct past simple form.

arrive leave love stop travel visit watch write

Regular		
+ ed	+ d	double consonant + ed
	<i>arrived</i>	

Irregular

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple verbs in exercise 2.

1 They \_\_\_\_\_ at the cinema at 7.20pm and they \_\_\_\_\_ it three hours later.

2 My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ across Australia last year and he \_\_\_\_\_ an email to my aunt every day.

3 We \_\_\_\_\_ a brilliant film on TV last night, but my mum \_\_\_\_\_ watching it when it got scary!

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ some relatives when I was in New York last month. I \_\_\_\_\_ the city. It was amazing.

4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

buy decide feel get go have look say see walk



**A big mistake**

Last Saturday was 17<sup>th</sup> May. I<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ up early that day because it was my mum's birthday and

I<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ no present for her. I<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to town by bus and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the shops for a few hours. In the end, I<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to get some chocolates and flowers for her. I also <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some big balloons. There wasn't space on the bus for the balloons, so I<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home. It takes 40 minutes on foot.

When I<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my mum, I<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 'Surprise! Happy Birthday!' She was very surprised because her birthday is actually May 27<sup>th</sup>. I<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very silly!

5 Circle the correct words to make time expressions.

- last / in / ago Sunday
- at / on / in the summer
- two days yesterday / ago / last
- on / last / at 8 o'clock last night
- in / yesterday / on Thursday
- ago / last / in night
- in / at / yesterday afternoon
- on / in / at Monday evening

6 Choose four time expressions from exercise 5. Write sentences about the things you or your family did then.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

1 Rewrite the sentences. Make them negative.



**TV presenter Helen Skelton completes her expedition to the South Pole – on skis, kite skis and an ice bike.**

- 1 She travelled by car.  
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- 2 She rode a normal bike.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She ate fresh food.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 She wore a wetsuit.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I saw her on TV.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Her journey took 18 months.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 She sent a postcard from the South Pole.  
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2 Reorder the words and write questions. Then match them with the answers in the box.

Thousands of pounds. A Norwegian explorer.  
Yes, she became ill. 800km. In tents and sleeping bags.

- 1 how far / travel / did / Helen  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 she / who / go / with / did  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 sleep / did / they / where  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 4 have / did / Helen / problems / any  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 money / she / did / how much / raise  
\_\_\_\_\_?

3 Complete the conversation. Use the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Tania: I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) your homework last night?  
 Martin: No, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a fantastic TV programme with my sister. It was about Helen Skelton.  
 Tania: Who?  
 Martin: You know, the TV presenter who <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on an expedition to the South Pole last January.  
 Tania: I'm not sure who she is.  
 Martin: We <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) anything about her before the programme. She's amazing. She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (kayak) down the River Amazon a few years ago.  
 Tania: Really? Well, I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) TV last night. I was out.  
 Martin: Who <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / meet)?  
 Tania: Jake, Sally and Max. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis in the park until it started raining.  
 Martin: What was the score?  
 Tania: 6–4 to Sally and me!

4 Complete the past simple questions with the verbs in the box. Then read the dialogue again in exercise 3 and write the correct short answer.

enjoy know rain stay win

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Martin \_\_\_\_\_ at home last night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Martin and his sister \_\_\_\_\_ watching the programme?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Tania \_\_\_\_\_ about Helen Skelton?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ last night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Jake and Max \_\_\_\_\_ the match?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5 What did you and your family do last night? Include affirmative and negative sentences.

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