

## Exercises on Simple Past

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### Exercise Was or Were?

Complete the sentences with was or were.

1. I  happy.
2. You  angry.
3. She  in London last week.
4. He  on holiday.
5. It  cold.
6. We  at school.
7. You  at the cinema.
8. They  at home.
9. The cat  on the roof.
10. The children  in the garden.

### Write positive sentences in simple past.

1. he / the question / answer
2. you / a question / ask
3. the dog / bark
4. they / us / call
5. we / a mountain / climb
6. John / stamps / collect
7. we / in London / live
8. I / hungry / be
9. they / a hamster / have
10. he / to school / go

### Write questions in simple past.

1. Anna / the window / open
2. she / home / walk
3. you / in the garden / work
4. you / a song / sing
5. she / on a chair / sit
6. you / the castle / visit
7. Jenny / the door / lock
8. she / happy / be

9. Greg / the ball / kick
10. the car / at the corner / stop

Have a look at James's last week's diary and answer the questions in complete sentences. Put the time expression at the end of the sentence.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
football	shopping	meeting	ring Jane	buy flowers	concert	sailing
	cinema	tennis	English	Italian restaurant		

- When was his English course? →
- When did he go shopping? →
- When did he buy flowers? →
- When was his meeting? →
- When did he play football? →
- When did he go to the Italian restaurant? →
- When did he ring Jane? →
- When did he go to the cinema? →
- When did he play tennis? →
- When was the concert? →
- When did he go sailing? →

**Exercise on questions with interrogative**

Ask for the bold part of the sentence.

- She pushed **her bike**. →
- She carried **a bag**. →
- We waited **in the park**. →
- The policeman arrested **the thief**. →
- We** ate fish. →
- She watched the match **last night**. →
- She asked her friend **because she did not know what to do**. →
- I** opened the door. →
- The teacher checked **our homework**. →
- Cindy** had a dog. →

**Put the verbs into the correct form (simple past).**

- Last year I (spend)  my holiday in Ireland.
- It (be)  great.

3. I (travel)  around by car with two friends and we (visit)  lots of interesting places.
4. In the evenings we usually (go)  to a pub.
5. One night we even (learn)  some Irish dances.
6. We (be)  very lucky with the weather.
7. It (not / rain)  a lot.
8. But we (see)  some beautiful rainbows.
9. Where (spend / you)  your last holiday?

**Form positive sentences in Simple Past.**

1. John / stamps / collect  
→
2. we / the door / open  
→
3. Tom / with Anny / stay  
→
4. we / her / an apple / give  
→
5. I / more money / need  
→
6. you / your bag / pack  
→
7. they / the mistake / notice  
→
8. they / at me / shout  
→
9. they / good / feel  
→
10. the lesson / early / begin  
→

**Form positive sentences in Simple Past.**

1. she / her bike / push  
→
2. we / in the mountains / walk  
→
3. she / on a chair / sit  
→
4. the policeman / the thief / arrest  
→

5. Jeff and Linda / home / cycle  
→
6. the teacher / the tenses / explain  
→
7. we / the bill / pay  
→
8. we / at the gym / meet  
→
9. We / our holidays / enjoy  
→
10. she / her room / tidy  
→

**Form positive sentences in Simple Past.**

1. she / the match / watch  
→
2. we / at the airport / arrive  
→
3. they / their mum / thank  
→
4. you / your bag / pack  
→
5. you / the sentence / understand  
→
6. the lesson / early / begin  
→
7. his mother / dinner / cook  
→
8. she / my mistakes / correct  
→
9. you / your English / practise  
→
10. he / you / criticise  
→

**Form positive sentences in Simple Past.**

1. she / her bike / push  
→
2. you / thirsty / be  
→
3. we / her / an apple / give  
→

4. Ruth / the pencil / drop  
→
5. you / the car / repair  
→
6. they / a sound / hear  
→
7. she / a friend / phone  
→
8. the cat / the mouse / chase  
→
9. he / the problem / discuss  
→
10. the food / awful / smell  
→

**Form negative sentences in Simple Past.**

1. you / a question / ask  
→
2. they / postcards / collect  
→
3. Mary / in a musical / dance  
→
4. you / high / jump  
→
5. Albert / squash / play  
→
6. he / the car / wash  
→
7. we / her / an apple / give  
→
8. Gareth / the bin / empty  
→
9. Sally / to school / hurry  
→
10. the dinner / a fortune / cost  
→

**Form negative sentences in Simple Past.**

1. he / the question / answer  
→
2. they / us / call  
→

3. you / a box / carry  
→
4. she / on a chair / sit  
→
5. we / her / an apple / give  
→
6. they / their mum / thank  
→
7. the car / at the corner / stop  
→
8. Cindy / a book / take  
→
9. You / always / flowers / bring  
→
10. you / your English / practise  
→

**Form negative sentences in Simple Past.**

1. you / a question / ask  
→
2. his head / ache  
→
3. Jeff and Linda / home / cycle  
→
4. my friends / me / help  
→
5. I / more money / need  
→
6. Eric / his homework / forget  
→
7. he / a blue shirt / wear  
→
8. You / always / flowers / bring  
→
9. she / her room / tidy  
→
10. Henry / houses / build  
→

**Form negative sentences in Simple Past.**

1. Anna / the window / open  
→

2. we / fish / eat  
→
3. she / on a chair / sit  
→
4. we / the leader / follow  
→
5. you / the car / repair  
→
6. we / on the lake / sail  
→
7. Eric / his homework / forget  
→
8. we / our punishment / escape  
→
9. he / his doubt / express  
→
10. they / computers / order  
→

**Form questions in Simple Past.**

1. the dog / bark  
→
2. they / us / call  
→
3. they / us / remember  
→
4. you / the castle / visit  
→
5. she / home / walk  
→
6. we / in the park / wait  
→
7. you / the house / see  
→
8. Ruth / the pencil / drop  
→
9. they / a sound / hear  
→
10. she / in London / teach  
→

**Form questions in Simple Past.**

1. we / at the airport / arrive  
→
2. the book / to me / belong  
→
3. Ruth / the pencil / drop  
→
4. it / too much / weigh  
→
5. he / a mistake / make  
→
6. Cindy / a book / take  
→
7. they / a room / share  
→
8. Tina / wonderful pictures / paint  
→
9. they / furniture / sell  
→
10. Mary / the door / shut  
→

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1. you / a box / carry  
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2. it / a lot / rain  
→
3. we / in the mountains / walk  
→
4. Ruth / the pencil / drop  
→
5. Sally / to school / hurry  
→
6. they / their calculators / use  
→
7. Cindy / a book / take  
→
8. she / my mistakes / correct  
→



9. he / a coin / insert

→

10. they / the new student / welcome

→

### Form questions in Simple Past.

1. she / happy / look

→

2. she / the match / watch

→

3. you / in the garden / work

→

4. Betty / her best / do

→

5. they / their pens / count

→

6. we / on the lake / sail

→

7. he / the mouse button / click

→

8. Jim / his head / cover

→

9. he / you / criticise

→

10. he / his girlfriend / marry

→