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Past Simple 1 • Present Simple revision  
Parts of speech • Prepositions  
Writing – describing a holiday

## Then and now

### Past Simple 1

#### 1 Regular verbs



Match a line in **A** with a line in **B**. Put the verb in **A** into the Present Simple and the verb in **B** into the Past Simple.

#### A

- 1 I usually work (work) eight hours a day, but ...
- 2 Ann usually \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work, but ...
- 3 Max usually \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV in the evenings, but ...
- 4 Ann and Max usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) sailing at weekends, but ...
- 5 It usually \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) a lot in winter, but ...
- 6 Max and I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (go) camping in August, but ...

#### B

- a last summer we \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a hotel.
- b last weekend they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis.
- c yesterday I started (start) work at 9.00 a.m. and \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) at 9.00 p.m.
- d last year it \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) for three months.
- e yesterday she \_\_\_\_\_ (walk).
- f yesterday evening he \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.

#### 2 Yes/No questions and short answers

Write questions and answers about the people in exercise 1.

- 1 A Do you usually work eight hours a day?  
B Yes, I do .  
A Did you work eight hours yesterday ?  
B No, I didn't. I worked twelve hours .
- 2 A Does Ann usually drive to work?  
B Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A Did she \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?  
B No, \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 A Does Max usually watch TV in the evenings?  
B Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A Did he \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday evening?  
B No, \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 A Do Ann and Max usually go sailing at weekends?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 A Does it usually rain a lot in winter?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 A Do you and Max usually go camping in August?  
B Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 3 had/did, was/were

Complete the conversation with *had, did, was, or were*.

A It \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday yesterday. I'm twenty-five!

B Really? What \_\_\_\_\_ you do?

A Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner with friends in an Italian restaurant.

B What \_\_\_\_\_ you eat?

A We all \_\_\_\_\_ pizzas. They \_\_\_\_\_ very good.

B \_\_\_\_\_ you enjoy your birthday, then?

A Mmm. It \_\_\_\_\_ excellent! When's your birthday?

B Today.

A Oh, no! Happy birthday!



### 4 Irregular verbs

**T 7.1** Complete the table with the verbs in the box. Write the Past Simple forms.

begin	start	visit	write	leave	lose	buy
do	see	enjoy	go	take	paint	have
drive	speak	travel	come	stay	meet	

Regular verbs		Irregular verbs	
Infinitive	Past Simple	Infinitive	Past Simple
<i>start</i>	<i>started</i>	<i>begin</i>	<i>began</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### 5 Negatives and positives

**T 7.2** Complete the sentences with the positive form of the verb.

- I didn't go to New York, I went to Chicago.
- We didn't meet Jim, we \_\_\_\_\_ Max.
- He didn't leave last Tuesday, he \_\_\_\_\_ last Thursday.
- We didn't see Jim, we \_\_\_\_\_ David.
- They didn't buy a Volvo, they \_\_\_\_\_ a Saab.
- You didn't know the answer, Tom \_\_\_\_\_ the answer.
- I didn't lose my passport, I \_\_\_\_\_ my ticket.
- We didn't have white wine, we \_\_\_\_\_ red wine.
- He didn't write a letter, he \_\_\_\_\_ a postcard.
- The film didn't begin at 6.30 p.m., it \_\_\_\_\_ at 7.30 p.m.

### 6 Making questions

Put the words in the correct order to make questions. Then write true answers.

- school / did / when / start / you / ?  
When did you start school?  
When I was six. In 1985.
- morning / you / time / get / up / what / this / did / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- dinner / night / have / what / you / last / for / did / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- did / train / last / you / by / when / travel / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- do / what / Sunday / you / last / did / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- holiday / did / summer / on / go / where / last / you / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- visit / you / art / gallery / an / last / did / when / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- come / today / you / how / school / did / to / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Present Simple and Past Simple

## 7 A biography

- 1 Complete the text using the correct tense and form of the verbs on the right.

### My Aunt Nancy



My Aunt Nancy was born in England, but now she (1) lives in Perth, Australia. She (2) went to Australia in 1985 when her husband, my Uncle Jack, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ .

She is 80 years old now, but she still (4) \_\_\_\_\_ . She's an artist. She (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures of cats for birthday cards. She (6) \_\_\_\_\_ cats – she (7) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-five!

She (8) \_\_\_\_\_ painting in 1986. At first she (9) \_\_\_\_\_ just for a hobby, but then in 1989 she began making and selling birthday cards. A lot of people (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them.

She usually (12) \_\_\_\_\_ work at 7.00 in the morning and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ at 5.00 in the evening. Then she (14) \_\_\_\_\_ swimming.

Last year I (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Australia and I (16) \_\_\_\_\_ with her for two weeks. I (17) \_\_\_\_\_ a very good holiday.

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die  
live

love  
work  
have  
paint

paint  
start  
like  
buy

finish  
go  
start

have  
visit  
stay

- 2 **T 7.3** Write short answers to the questions.

1 Was Aunt Nancy born in Australia?

No, she wasn't.

2 Did she go to Australia in 1985?

Yes, she did.

3 Did Uncle Jack die in 1985?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 Is Aunt Nancy 90 years old?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 Does she still work?

\_\_\_\_\_

6 Does she have fifty cats?

\_\_\_\_\_

7 Did she start painting in 1986?

\_\_\_\_\_

8 Did she start selling birthday cards in 1987?

\_\_\_\_\_

9 Does she usually work ten hours a day?

\_\_\_\_\_

10 Does she usually go shopping after work?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Write questions for these answers.

1 Where was Aunt Nancy born?

In England.

2 \_\_\_\_\_

In Perth, Australia.

3 \_\_\_\_\_

She went there in 1985.

4 \_\_\_\_\_

She's an artist.

5 \_\_\_\_\_

In 1986.

6 \_\_\_\_\_

Because she loves them – she has twenty-five!

7 \_\_\_\_\_

About ten, usually.

# Vocabulary

## 8 Parts of speech

- 1 Write the correct part of speech next to each word in the box.  
*n* = noun *v* = verb *adj* = adjective *prep* = preposition

<i>adj</i> nice	___ enjoy	___ holiday	___ new
___ party	___ in	___ see	___ warm
___ famous	___ near	___ earn	___ win
___ postman	___ on	___ relax	

- 2 Complete the sentences with a word from 1. Change the verb forms if necessary.
- 1 My aunt lives in a (*adj*) nice, old house (*prep*) near the sea.
  - 2 Did you (*v*) \_\_\_\_\_ Frank's (*adj*) \_\_\_\_\_ car this morning? It's red.
  - 3 I play tennis with her (*prep*) \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays and she always (*v*) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4 I (*v*) \_\_\_\_\_ and watched television yesterday evening. It was so (*adj*) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the fire.
  - 5 I saw a (*adj*) \_\_\_\_\_ film star at Peter's (*n*) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6 He worked as a (*n*) \_\_\_\_\_ until he died, and he only (*v*) \_\_\_\_\_ £10,000 a year.
  - 7 They had a (*n*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*prep*) \_\_\_\_\_ Spain and they (*v*) \_\_\_\_\_ it very much.

# Prepositions

## 9 about, after, for

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

about	after	for	in	to	over	with	at
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- 1 My family left London and moved \_\_\_\_\_ a small village.
- 2 People all \_\_\_\_\_ the world speak English.
- 3 Did you speak \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the homework?
- 4 What do you know \_\_\_\_\_ George Washington?
- 5 Peter stayed \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
- 6 I often think \_\_\_\_\_ the day we met.
- 7 New Year's Day is one week \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day.
- 8 We arrived \_\_\_\_\_ the airport \_\_\_\_\_ New York \_\_\_\_\_ 5.45 a.m.
- 9 Here's the postman \_\_\_\_\_ a letter \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- 10 Speak \_\_\_\_\_ me in English. It's good practice \_\_\_\_\_ us.

# Writing

## 10 Describing a holiday

- 1 Read the information about Jim and Alison. Make notes about your last holiday.



QUESTIONS	JIM	ALISON	ME
<b>Where/go?</b>	Kenya	Scotland	
<b>When/go?</b>	last June	last October	
<b>How long/stay?</b>	three weeks	one week	
<b>How/travel?</b>	plane	train	
<b>Where/stay?</b>	a tent	a hotel	
<b>What/do?</b>	took photographs of wild animals	went walking in the mountains	
<b>What/see?</b>	elephants, lions, giraffes; <i>not</i> any crocodiles	some beautiful lakes; <i>not</i> the Loch Ness Monster!	
<b>Enjoy the holiday?</b>	Yes	Yes	

2 Complete the questions about Jim's holiday and write short answers.

- 1 Where did he go? *To Kenya.*
- 2 When \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3 How long \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 4 How \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 Where \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 7 What \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 8 Did \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Yes, he did.

3 Complete the paragraph about Jim's holiday.

Last June Jim (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to Kenya for three weeks. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by plane and he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in a tent. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ photographs of wild animals. He (5) \_\_\_\_\_ some elephants, lions, and giraffes, but he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ any crocodiles. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the holiday very much.

4 Write a similar paragraph about Alison's holiday.

**Alison's last holiday**

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5 Write about your last holiday in about fifty words.

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