# The past simple: have and be



#### Have

they had

#### **Affirmative** Negative I had I did not have uou had you did not have he had he did not have she had she did not have it did not have it had we had we did not have you had you did not have

# **Short forms**

I didn't have you didn't have you didn't have she didn't have it didn't have we didn't have you didn't have they didn't have



Look at the starter unit for the past tense of be.

We use had to talk about appearance and possessions in the past. The affirmative form of had doesn't change. The negative form always uses did.

I had very long hair when I was fifteen. We had a cat.

they did not have

# Write sentences using the past simple of be.

1	Rob / handsome / X Rob wasn't handsome.	2	Chloe and Eric / clever / ✓
3	Eric and Mia / friendly / X	4	Julia and Kate / pretty / ✓
5	Chloe / pretty / ✓	6	Rob / clever / ✓
7	Kate / clever / 🗴	8	Eric / handsome / X

# 2 Look at the pictures of the Hill family when they were younger. True or false? Write T or F.



Bob had red hair.



Sue had fair hair.



Philip had dark hair.



Cathy had black hair.



Jill and Julie had long hair.

# 3 Write sentences about the Hill family. Use the past simple negative of have.

- 1 Bob / brown hair Bob didn't have brown hair. He had red hair.
- 2 Sue / short hair
- 3 Philip / fair hair
- 4 Cathy / short hair
- 5 Jill and Julie / short hair

4 Look at the picture. Complete the sentences below with the past simple of be or have.



- 1 Harry / a baby Harry was a baby.
- 3 Charlie and Mr Jones / happy
- 5 Molly/young
- 7 Grandpa Jones / hungry
- 9 Mrs Jones and Harry / brown hair

- 2 Mrs Jones / long hair Mrs Jones had long hair.
- 4 Mr Jones / cheerful
- 6 Grandma Jones / pretty
- 8 the weather / sunny
- 10 Charlie / a bike

#### And and but



We use **and** to link two positive ideas or two negative ideas.

Grandma is kind **and** generous. Tanya is mean **and** miserable.

We use **but** to link a positive idea with a negative idea. We use a comma before **but**.

Jack is miserable, but kind.



#### 5 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Helen is happy **and** / but cheerful.
- 3 Jenny is miserable and / but shy.
- 5 Sally is kind **and** / **but** generous.
- 2 Olly is handsome, and / but mean.
- 4 Polly is pretty, and / but mean.
- 6 Eric is relaxed and / but cheerful.

#### 6 Write complete sentences using and or but in the correct place.

- 1 Cathy / friendly / shy
  Cathy is friendly, but shy.
- 2 Jeanie / mean / miserable
- 3 Mary / mean / happy
- 4 Ted / handsome / shy
- 5 the weather / hot / sunny
- 6 my brother / friend / shy
- 7 Bradley / young / cheerful
- 8 Alex/shy/friendly