

## The past simple: regular verbs

Charlie, Molly and Harry **played** games at the party. They **didn't watch** TV.



Generally, we add **-ed** to the end of the base form to form the past simple of regular verbs.



### Affirmative

I waited  
you waited  
he waited  
she waited  
it waited  
we waited  
you waited  
they waited

### Negative

I did not wait  
you did not wait  
he did not wait  
she did not wait  
it did not wait  
we did not wait  
you did not wait  
they did not wait

### Short forms

I didn't wait  
you didn't wait  
he didn't wait  
she didn't wait  
it didn't wait  
we didn't wait  
you didn't wait  
they didn't wait

Look at this other rule:

Verb	Example	Add	Past simple
ends in -e	live	+ -d	lived



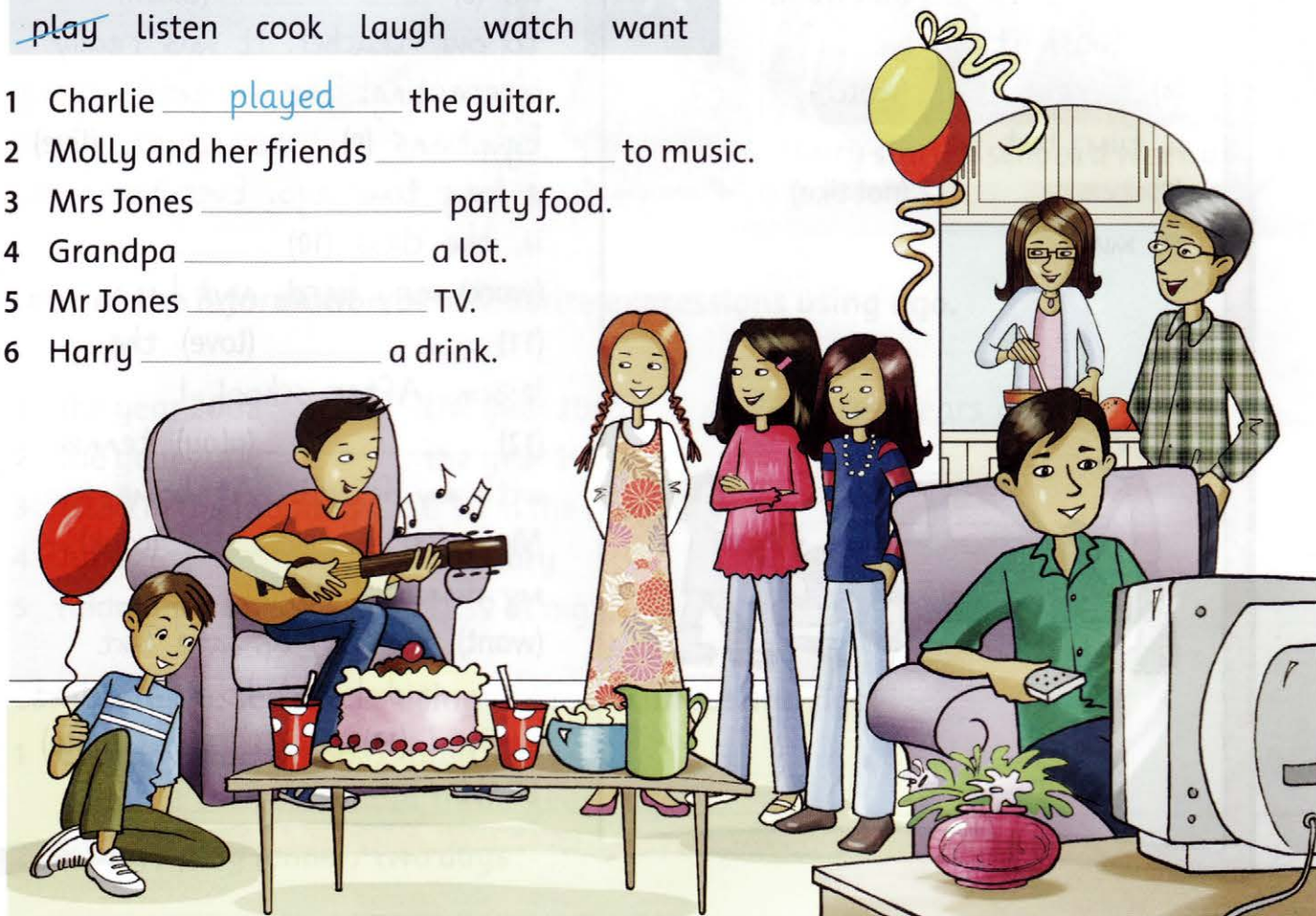
**1 Write the past simple affirmative of these verbs.**

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 watch <u>watched</u> | 2 live _____   |
| 3 love _____           | 4 cook _____   |
| 5 start _____          | 5 laugh _____  |
| 7 finish _____         | 6 listen _____ |
| 9 hate _____           | 10 work _____  |

**2 Look at the picture. Complete these sentences about the party with a word from the box in the past simple.**

~~play~~ listen cook laugh watch want

- 1 Charlie played the guitar.
- 2 Molly and her friends \_\_\_\_\_ to music.
- 3 Mrs Jones \_\_\_\_\_ party food.
- 4 Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
- 5 Mr Jones \_\_\_\_\_ TV.
- 6 Harry \_\_\_\_\_ a drink.



**3 Make the sentences in exercise 2 negative.**

- 1 Charlie didn't play the guitar.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

4 Complete Charlie's diary, using the past simple affirmative and negative of the verbs in brackets.

Sunday 11th May

Harry and I (1) washed  
(wash) Dad's car. Well,  
I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (start)  
to wash it, but Harry  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not want)  
to finish it, so we  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch)  
a film, but we  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (not like)  
it much.



Monday 12th May

At school today, we  
(6) watched (watch) a film  
about ancient Egypt. When  
it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (finish),  
we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (listen)  
to our teacher. It was really  
interesting! The ancient  
Egyptians (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (live)  
a long time ago. Everybody  
in the class (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
(work) very hard, and I  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ (love) the  
lesson. After school, I  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis  
with my friends. At home,  
Mum (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (cook)  
my dinner. I (14) \_\_\_\_\_  
(want) to stay up late but  
Mum said I had to go to bed  
early. I (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (hate)  
that!

5 Write complete sentences using the past simple.

1 finish my dinner / I / last night

2 want / I / to get up / early

3 not / listen to music / Billy

4 the car / wash / we

5 Polly and Mum / cook lunch

6 Hassan / his teacher / helped



## Ago

We use **ago** to talk about a specific time in the past. This can be a recent time or further back in history.

*two minutes ago*

*a month ago*

*a few years ago*

*many years ago*

*a long time ago*

Charlie started school three years **ago**.



Harry started school a week **ago**.

### 6 Look at the information below. Write expressions using **ago**.

Now	Then
1 the year 2008	the year 2005
2 the year 2000	the year 1990
3 10.30 in the morning	9.30 in the morning
4 June	February
5 midnight	11.59 at night

three years ago

### 7 Complete the sentences using the past simple and **ago**.

- Charlie / start school / three years  
Charlie started school three years ago.
- Henry / play tennis / two days  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Steffi / finish her homework / two hours  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Dad / listen to a CD / a few minutes  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Kate / laugh at Kevin / a minute  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Mum and Dad / watch a DVD / a week  
\_\_\_\_\_