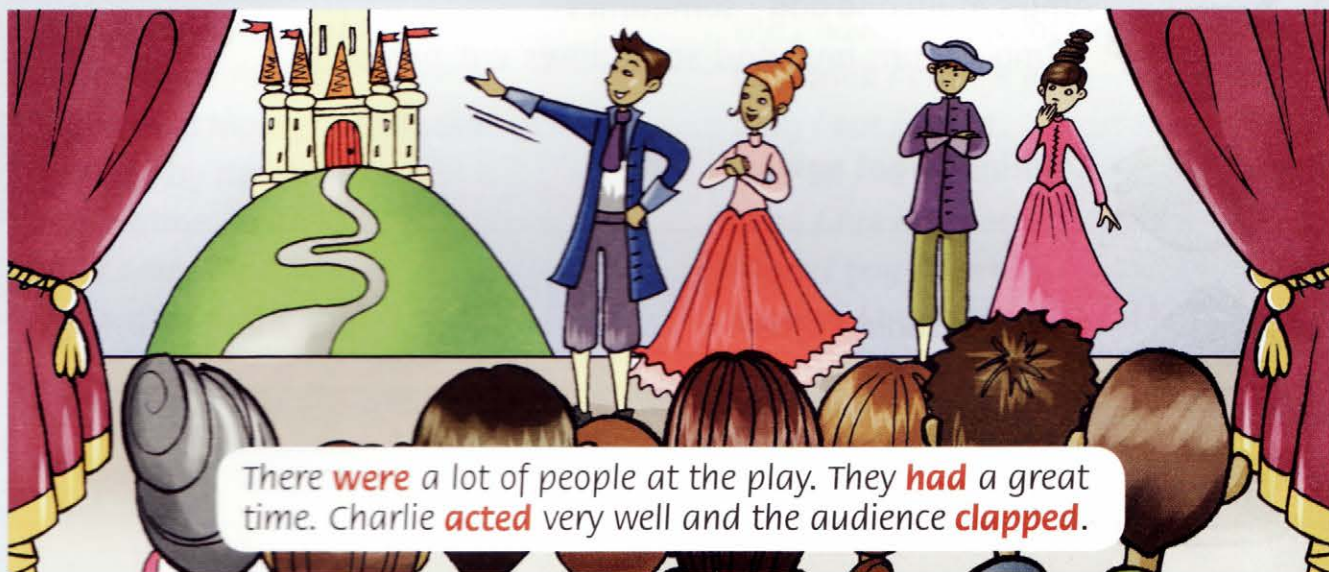


The past simple: *be*, *have* and regular verbs

There **were** a lot of people at the play. They **had** a great time. Charlie **acted** very well and the audience **clapped**.



When we form the past simple, we add **-ed** or **-d** to most regular verbs. Here are some more rules:

Verb	Example	Change	Past simple	Negative
ends vowel + consonant	stop	double the last consonant + -ed	stopped	didn't stop
ends consonant + -y	tidy	-y + -ied	tidied	didn't tidy
irregular verbs	be have	—	was/were had	wasn't/weren't didn't have

In questions we change the word order.

*Did Molly **act** in the play?*

Be is different.

***Were** you excited? **Was** the play good?*

1 Circle the correct answer.

- There was / were a piano on the stage.
- Ethan's voice weren't / wasn't very loud.
- We were / was excited about the concert.
- Why was / were Anna and Kate tired?
- Was / Were you at home?
- All our friends were / was in the audience.
- Leo and Seb wasn't / weren't at the concert.
- What was / were the name of the play?

2 Complete Harry's diary. Write **was**, **were** or **had**.

We¹ had a school
play this week. Charlie²
 in it and
our friends and family³
 in the
audience. Last week, we⁴
 a concert
at school. Mum and Dad⁵
 there, but
our friends⁶ .

Everyone⁷ a
programme about the concert.
Molly played the piano, and
her friends Suzy and Jane
recorders. It⁸
very good, but Molly, Suzy
and Jane¹⁰
all very tired at the end.

3 Complete the sentences and questions. Use the past simple of **be** or **have**.

- 1 Phil's very happy because the exam wasn't very difficult.
- 2 I'm very hungry. I breakfast.
- 3 Louise cake at the café?
- 4 The people in the audience a great time.
- 5 He ten yesterday.
- 6 you at Emily's birthday party?
- 7 My grandparents rich. They lived in a very small house.
- 8 I a baby when we moved to London.
- 9 the film good? Did you like it?
- 10 The homework hard. We all got good marks.

4 Complete the text. Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

It¹ was (be) George's birthday party on Friday. We²
 (have) a great time. George³ (invite)
all his friends and everyone⁴ (enjoy) it. The lights⁵
 (sparkle), we⁶ (listen) to music and⁷
 (dance) all evening. We and⁸ (play)
games. I⁹ (clap) when George¹⁰ (open)
his presents. We all¹¹ (tidy) up when the party¹²
 (end) and I¹³ (not want) to go home!

Past time expressions

I've got a lot to tell you. There was a school play **last Saturday** and **two weeks ago** I played in a concert.



We use these expressions to talk about when something happened in the past:

last + night / Friday / week / month / year

*I watched a good film **last Saturday**.*

ago after a period of time

*We went to London **three years ago**.*

yesterday + morning / afternoon / evening

*I emailed her **yesterday evening**.*

Time expressions can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.

*I played in a concert **last week**. **Last week**, I played in a concert.*

5 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Last week, Jane had a party. ☒

Jane had a party week last. ☐

2 Ago two weeks it was my birthday. ☐

Two weeks ago it was my birthday. ☐

3 Frank's birthday was yesterday. ☐

Yesterday Frank's birthday was. ☐

4 We had yesterday a big party. ☐

We had a big party yesterday. ☐

5 Tina had dinner evening yesterday. ☐

Tina had dinner yesterday evening. ☐

6 We played tennis ago two hours. ☐

We played tennis two hours ago. ☐

7 I had an exam yesterday afternoon. ☐

I had an exam last afternoon. ☐



8 I phoned you a Friday ago. ☐


I phoned you last Friday. ☐


- 6 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and a time expression from the box. Then rewrite each sentence with the time expression at the end.


Today is Saturday 15th November.


~~Last Saturday~~ Last month Yesterday evening
Last Monday Yesterday Last Thursday

- 1  Last Saturday, Clare played (play) tennis.
Clare played tennis last Saturday.
- 2  _____, it _____ (be) my birthday.

- 3  _____, Jason _____ (play) badminton with Henry.

- 4  _____, I _____ (tidy) my room.

- 5  _____, we _____ (watch) a play at the theatre.

- 6  _____, Dad _____ (phone) Roger.

- 7 Look at the things that happened in exercise 6. Write when they happened. Use time expressions with **ago** and the words from the box.

Remember, today is Saturday 15th November. It is 9 a.m.

~~one week~~ fourteen hours two days five days a month a day

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| 1 <u>one week ago</u> | 2 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 6 _____ |