

Present Simple and Past Simple

1) Reading Comprehension: Read and answer

I'm Helen, last Summer holidays, I went with my family to Paris. We went by car. There was me, my parents, my brother Tom and my little sister Susan. We live in Brighton and we are English. We saw the most interesting places in Paris, as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum and we made the city tour. I loved it, because Paris is a very beautiful city.

On the fifth day we went to Euro Disney. That was fantastic. We all enjoyed ourselves a lot. We stayed in Euro Disney four days. They were the most exciting days I had all my life. We were all very tired because we had to walk a lot to watch everything and enjoy all the amusements. My sister is only 4 years old and she loved it. I met all the Disney characters and they were very funny. We stayed at a hotel inside Euro Disney.

1. Where did Helen go last summer?
2. How did she go?
3. Who did Helen go with?
4. What did they see in Paris?
5. Where are Helen and her family from?
6. How long did they stay in Euro Disney?
7. Why were they so tired?
8. Who did Helen meet in Euro Disney?
9. Where did they stay?
10. Who is four years old?

2) PRESENT SIMPLE VS PAST SIMPLE: Choose the correct alternative.

1. I **WATCHED** / **WATCH** TV at 5:15 every day.
2. Paola **WENT** / **GOES** shopping last week.
3. My brother **GETS UP** / **GOT UP** at 9:00 on Sundays.
4. My parents **EAT** / **ATE** pizza yesterday.
5. I sometimes **LISTEN** / **LISTENED** to music at 7:30.
6. They **GO** / **WENT** to school in the morning.

3) Choose and complete the sentences with present simple or past simple.

1. You _____ in the river in 2010.
2. Nicole _____ a comic every year.
3. My brother _____ English in a Language Institute one year ago.
4. I _____ at 8:00 every Sunday.
5. My parents and I usually _____ basketball on Saturday.
6. My father _____ home at 11:00 last night.

Past Continuous and Past Simple

Yesterday evening, my parents were preparing lunch while my sister and her friend were listening to music in the living room. I was playing videogames in my room when suddenly I heard people screaming. I went out and saw my neighbours' house was on fire!

In less than 10 minutes the firemen arrived. My neighbour's dog was inside the house. He was barking desperately. One of the firemen entered the house and saved the dog.

Fortunately, an hour later they could extinguish the fire, and Arnold and his dog were saved!

1) True (T) or false (F). Justify the false answers.

- 1- The boy's house was on fire. ()
- 2- It took long the firemen to arrive. ()
- 3- It took one hour to extinguish the fire. ()
- 4- The boy's neighbour has a pet. ()
- 5- A fireman saved the dog's life. ()
- 6- The boy's family was on holiday in the beach. ()

2) Answer the questions.

- 1- What was the boy doing when the neighbour's house caught fire?
- 2- Where was his sister?
- 3- What was she doing?
- 4- What were his parents doing?
- 5- What was the dog doing?
- 6- How was the dog saved?

3) Complete with Past Simple and Past Continuous.

- 1) Yesterday at 7 o'clock, I _____ a sandwich.
- 2) Leonard _____ homework yesterday. (NO)
- 3) Tom _____ to music while Susan was watching T.V.
- 4) _____ Anna _____ Tango last night at 9 o'clock?
- 5) Today at midday, Mr Simpson _____ a cup of coffee with friends. (NO)
- 6) When they were children, Juan and Brad _____ always _____.
- 7) Sasha _____ T.V while her husband _____ the grass.
- 8) My brothers _____ football when my mother _____ home.

PLAY - DO - WATCH - DANCE - HAVE - ARRIVE - EAT - FIGHT - CUT - LISTEN

4) Choose the correct option of the verb.

- 1)- The plane _____ to Paris when it crashed.
a) WAS FLYING b) FLEW c) WERE FLYING
- 2)- The students _____ for the bus when it started to rain.
a) WAITED b) WERE WAITING c) WAS WAITING
- 3)- We were crossing when the traffic lights _____ red.
a) WERE TURNING b) TURNED c) TURN
- 4)- When their mother arrived, the children _____ games.
a) PLAIED b) PLAYED c) WERE PLAYING