Unit 5a: Simple past
A review
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A description of events and activities in a specific time in the past

- **BE**
  - I was (was not)
  - He, she, it was (was not)
  - We, you, they were (were not)

  wasn’t

  weren’t
You can use WAS and WERE

- For affirmative sentences
- For negative sentences
- For interrogative sentences
- For short answers
- My grandfather was a great lawyer when he was alive.

- Were you in Lima last summer? It was too hot.

- I wasn’t a very good student in high school, but I was able to pass all subjects.

- It was a pleasure to meet them, they were nice people to talk with.
I was a good student in high school.

My parents weren’t in Huancayo when they got married.

Were you sick yesterday?
   Yes, I was very ill.

NEVER SAY:
• Where were you go last night?

BUT
• Where were you last night?
When were you born?
I was born in 1975.

Where was your sister born?
She was born in 1977.

What time was your sister born?
She was born at 6:44 a.m. sharp.

BE BORN is used to describe what mothers do to give their babies birth. But we refer it to ourselves.
Did you study English in primary school?
Yes, I did.

Did Maria like her father’s present?
No, she didn’t.

Why did you travel last January?
Because I didn’t have any other month free for my trip.

What did your father invent in 2014?
He didn’t have any invention in that year.
For affirmative sentences

Use the verb in simple past form for all subjects

Regular verbs

- I danced in a disco last night.
- Maria played soccer from 1999 to 2010.
- Pedro and José cooked a delicious pizza the past Sunday.
- We decided not to participate in the elections in 2006.
The verb in simple form

Regular verbs

• We *put* on our jackets last night.

• Alberto *went* to the cinema from Monday to Friday last week.

• Last weekend, I *slept* 10 extra hours.

• Veronica *got* a job on Monday, but she *lost* it on Wednesday.
Time Expressions

Last Monday (month, year, summer).
   They didn’t visit us last December.

Yesterday.
   I went to bed early yesterday.

In 1996 (nineteen ninety-six).
   Did your mother work here in 2005?

The past November (night, time).
   You got your membership the past May.

(1 day, 2 months) 3 years ago.
   Where did you live 5 years ago?

(6 years, 10 days) 1 hour before.
   My sister finished her homework 2 hours before the film started.