

Past simple of *to be*; *There was/There were*; Past simple affirmative – regular verbs; Past simple affirmative – irregular verbs

1 Complete the dialogues with the past simple form of *be*.

- '..... the match interesting?'
'No, it boring. The players very good.'
- 'Who the rugby player Jonah Lomu?'
'For many people, he only a champion. He a hero.'
- 'Who the winners of last year's school sports competition?'
'Me! I one of the winners. I don't know who the others – they in my year.'
- '..... the referee fair?'
'Yes, he I think all his decisions correct.'
- '..... the match good?'
'Yes, there a positive atmosphere in the team, and there any problems.'
- 'Who those people on TV last night?'
'One an ex-footballer, the other two American basketball players.'

2 Find and correct the mistakes. Three sentences are incorrect.

- The game was fun, but it wasn't a prize for the winners.
- My first teacher was a role model for me.
- Jessica and her sister was in the gymnastics show last year.
- The players were competitive?
- My uncle was a swimming champion.
- I was late for training yesterday, and my teammates were angry with me.

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

ask • change • decide • go • love • need • play • start • stay • stop • watch • work

- It was cold last night, so we at home and a film on TV.
- The weather suddenly, and it to snow.
- They to have a short break because they were tired and to rest.
- The other kids video games, but he classical music.

- A tourist and a policeman for directions.
- He hard all day and then he home to rest.

4 Complete the sentences with verbs in the past simple.

- We usually go to a football match at the weekend, but last Saturday, we to a tennis tournament.
- I always have tea for breakfast, but this morning, I some orange juice.
- She normally takes the train at 7.30, but yesterday, she it at 8.00.
- Our basketball team always loses – last week, it 20 to 46!
- She usually does her homework in the afternoon, but yesterday, she it in the evening.
- Chris wins all the school's competitions, and last winter, he the city marathon.

5 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

become • create • finish • go • have • invent • make • not be • practise • start • take • train

The history of judo

The man who (1) modern judo was Jigoro Kano. When he was 17, he (2) to practise a traditional martial art called jujitsu. Originally, professional soldiers called samurai (3) jujitsu to fight their enemies on the battlefield. Then the era of samurai (4) and jujitsu (5) very popular any more. But Kano was passionate about it and (6) with the great master of the school of jujitsu. When he was only 21 years old, he (7) the best things about each jujitsu style and (8) a new school. At first, he (9) only nine students, but then he (10) to Europe and (11) judo popular around the world. Judo (12) an Olympic sport in 1964. This was a sign that judo was a popular sport both inside and outside Japan.