



Past simple – negative; Past simple – questions and short answers

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of these verbs. There are four extra verbs.

apply • create • do • feel • get • have • know • like • lose • meet • pass • see • study • wear

- My brother any work experience but he the job!
- We our friends were in town, but unfortunately we
- He very well, but he his homework
- Sue for the exam, but she it.
- Tom the idea of working in a bank, but he for the job anyway.

2 Use these words to make questions in the past simple form.

- she/have/a positive attitude to the job/?
.....
- How much/the meal cost/?
.....
- Where/you/do/your work experience/?
.....
- When/your dad/start/his own company/?
.....
- How/Bill Gates/become/a successful businessman/?
.....
- Why/all the shop assistants/lose/their jobs/?
.....

3 Complete these dialogues with the past simple form of the verbs given. Then write the short answer.

- '..... your CV?' (you/write) '.....
My dad wrote it for me.'
- '..... new things in their work experience?' (the students/learn) '.....
They said it was a great opportunity for them.'
- '..... you good advice?' (your teachers/give) '.....
They gave us a lot of useful tips.'
- '..... the truth in your job interview?' (you/tell) '.....
I told them I was a judo champion, but I'm not.'
- '..... at home all her life?' (your grandmother/work) '.....
First she worked in a hospital, then she became a teacher.'
- '..... any prizes?' (the company/win) '.....
It won the 'Green Company of the Year' prize.'

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

- During the two weeks I did my work experience I didn't go to school.
- Fiona applied for the job in the supermarket, but they didn't gave her an interview.
- Enjoyed your classmates their work experience?
- They not let the student work with the doctor but he worked with the nurse.
- He didn't change his mind about becoming a cook and now he's a famous chef.
- My grandfather didn't finish school and started work at 15.

5 Choose the best answers to complete this text.

Teenage billionaires

'Today's programme is about teenage billionaires around the world. Let's start with Nick D'Aloisio. How (1) his money?'

'He sold his apps to big companies.'

'When (2)?'

'He started when he was only 12 years old. Then at 15 he developed an app called Trimit.'

'How (3)?'

'Trimit cut long articles and made them into short summaries. Then Nick wanted to make it better, but he (4) the money.'

'And (5) it?'

'Yes, (6) A Chinese businessman gave Nick \$300,000 to work on it. The new app he developed was called Summly and was very, very successful.'

'Do you know any teenage billionaires who (7) rich very long and lost their money?'

'Of course. Andrew Fashion is an example. He made a lot of money on web advertising, over \$2.5 million in two years, but then he lost it.'

'(8) How it?'

'He spent more than he had. But that (9) him. Now he has another company.'

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| 1 A did he make | B he made | C made he |
| 2 A did he | B does he start | C did he start |
| | started | |
| 3 A does it work | B did it work | C worked it |
| 4 A haven't | B doesn't have | C didn't have |
| 5 A did he find | B did he found | C found he |
| 6 A he did | B he found | C he finds |
| 7 A not stay | B not stayed | C didn't stay |
| 8 A he lost | B did he loses | C did he lose |
| 9 A didn't | B not stopped | C didn't stop |
| | stopped | |