



Past simple

Part 1: Video preparation



1 Do you remember reading the stories on page 19 of your Student's Book? In the stories, (a) which of these things happen, (b) which possibly happens and (c) which does not happen?

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| 1 an art theft | | 3 the arrest of | |
| 2 a bank robbery | | thieves | |

2 Complete these words and phrases from the text with vowels.

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| 1 st.....d st.....ll | 3 cr.....m.....n.....ls |
| 2 pr.....t.....nd.....d | 4 sh.....p d.....spl.....y |

Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

1 Answer the questions.

- Look at the pictures. Which of these three pictures (a–c) does the presenter (Dave) talk about?
- When did the police see the robbers?

3 Where is Dave now? What about last week?

4 Does Dave think that the joke at the end of the video is good?

2 Complete the rule with the correct word from the video explanation.

We use the past simple to describe actions or situations in the past.

3 Tick (✓) the sentences or questions that appear in the video.

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| 1 The police arrested them. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 The thieves didn't stand still. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Did the police see them? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 They were at school last week. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 He wasn't in class last week. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Was it a disaster? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 Read the rules for the past simple. One rule is incomplete. Watch the video and then complete that rule.

- Regular verbs in the past simple finish in -ed.
- We form negative sentences with *didn't* + the main verb.
- Question forms for most verbs in the past simple follow the pattern: + subject.
- The past simple of the verb *to be* is *was/were*.

Part 3: Grammar practice

Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions in brackets.

- The work of art was a bottle of milk. (negative)
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- An art thief took it. (question)
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- Oliver didn't disappear. (affirmative)
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- The banks weren't open on Saturday afternoon. (question)
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- Did they see the computers in the bank? (affirmative)
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