

Simple past: To be

*You were late for class.*

<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>?</b>
I <b>was</b> tired. You <b>were</b> late for class. He <b>was</b> the best player. She <b>was</b> good at tennis. It <b>was</b> a rainy day. We <b>were</b> on vacation. They <b>were</b> married.	I <b>was not</b> tired. You <b>were not</b> late for class. He <b>was not</b> the best player. She <b>was not</b> good at tennis. It <b>was not</b> a rainy day. We <b>were not</b> on vacation. They <b>were not</b> married.	<b>Was I</b> tired? <b>Were you</b> late for class? <b>Was he</b> the best player? <b>Was she</b> good at tennis? <b>Was it</b> a rainy day? <b>Were we</b> on vacation? <b>Were they</b> married?

These are *Time markers* that are often used with the simple past.

five years ago	last year	four months ago	last month	last week
two days ago	yesterday	yesterday morning	yesterday afternoon	last night
today	this morning	two hours ago	then	next

*Last night, I did my homework. Then, I was tired, and I went to bed.*

**Let's chat!** Choose a word from the *Time markers* vocabulary list. Tell your tutor where you were at that time (for example, "I was at home yesterday.") Then, ask your tutor a question with the same time marker (for example, "Were you at home yesterday?") Then, switch roles. Do this for three different time markers each.



**1 Write sentences or questions in the past with 'to be' using the words below.**

- ▶ at home | you | last night? e) sick | Ariana | last week?  
*Were you at home last night?* .....
- a) at school | we | not | yesterday f) James | busy | not | this morning  
 .....  
 b) cold | it | on the weekend g) ready | you  
 .....  
 c) they | at the party? h) they | at work | yesterday afternoon?  
 .....  
 d) angry | I | at him  
 .....

**Quick tip!** Negatives and questions with 'to be' are structured the same in the past as in the present. Compare the top line to the bottom line.

Present: *I am not tired now.* *Is she on vacation this week?*  
 Past: *I was not tired this morning.* *Was she on vacation last week?*



## Simple past: Regular verbs

*I asked a question.*

+	-	?
I <b>asked</b> a question.	I <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did I ask</b> a question?
You <b>asked</b> a question.	You <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did you ask</b> a question?
He <b>asked</b> a question.	He <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did he ask</b> a question?
She <b>asked</b> a question.	She <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did she ask</b> a question?
We <b>asked</b> a question.	We <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did we ask</b> a question?
They <b>asked</b> a question.	They <b>did not ask</b> a question.	<b>Did they ask</b> a question?

**Quick tip!** In the example: "Where did you go?," the main verb is 'go,' and 'did' is a helper word used to make it into a question. The helper word is also called an auxiliary, or an auxiliary verb. Questions in the simple past use 'did' as a helper word.



## Simple past: To go

*I went to Ontario.*

+	-	?
I <b>went</b> to Saskatchewan.	I <b>did not go</b> to Saskatchewan.	<b>Did I go</b> to Saskatchewan?
You <b>went</b> to Newfoundland.	You <b>did not go</b> to Newfoundland.	<b>Did you go</b> to Newfoundland?
He <b>went</b> to Manitoba.	He <b>did not go</b> to Manitoba.	<b>Did he go</b> to Manitoba?
She <b>went</b> to British Columbia.	She <b>did not go</b> to British Columbia.	<b>Did she go</b> to British Columbia?
We <b>went</b> to Alberta.	We <b>did not go</b> to Alberta.	<b>Did we go</b> to Alberta?
They <b>went</b> to Nova Scotia.	They <b>did not go</b> to Nova Scotia.	<b>Did they go</b> to Nova Scotia?

**Watch out!** In negatives and questions in the past, the helper word 'did' is in the past, so the main verb is in the present. One verb in the past is enough!



Madison ~~do not went~~ on vacation last summer.

Madison **did not go** on vacation last summer.

### 2 Write sentences or questions in the past with 'to go' using the words below.

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| ▶ home   you   last night   go?<br>.....<br><i>When did you go home last night?</i> | d) in Toronto   I   last year   go<br>.....          |
| a) a restaurant   we   not   yesterday   go<br>.....                                | e) she   at school   this morning   go?<br>.....     |
| b) I   a party   on the weekend   go<br>.....                                       | f) James   a café   not   two days ago   go<br>..... |
| c) you   a party   go?<br>.....   | g) last month   you   a cottage   go?<br>.....       |

**3 Write questions in the past with 'to be' and 'to go.'**

- ▶ you | very busy | be  
*Were you very busy?*.....
- a) they | Calgary | last summer | go  
.....
- b) we | tired | last night | be  
.....
- c) you | work | yesterday morning | go  
.....
- d) I | happy | last year | be  
.....
- e) she | Rome | two years ago | go  
.....
- f) he | last night | home | be  
.....
- g) they | school | this morning | go  
.....

**Quick tip!** We can use the word 'last' to refer to the most recent time something happened.

*When did you **last** have pizza?*

*We **last** saw Liam on the weekend.*



**Questions with 'when'**

*When did you arrive here?*

To make a question with 'when,' start with a basic yes/no question, and add 'when' in front of it.

**Were you hungry?** →

When **were you hungry?**

~~When you were hungry?~~

**Did you drink coffee?** →

When **did you drink coffee?**

~~When you drink coffee?~~

Examples: 'to be'

When **was I** late?

When **were you** at home?

When **was he** happy?

When **was she** sad?

When **were we** at school?

When **were they** angry?

Watch out! There is no 'did.'

~~Where did Oliver is?~~

Where **was** Oliver?

Examples: other verbs

When **did I** buy this car?

When **did you** arrive here?

When **did he** get up?

When **did she** meet her friend?

When **did we** do the cleaning?

When **did they** take the bus?

Watch out! Here, you need 'did.'

~~When you bought your phone?~~

When **did you buy** your phone?

**Interactive practice.** Use these questions for a quick chat. Try to use *Time markers* in your answer. When did you last go on a trip? When were you last late for class? When did you last buy a new phone? When were you last sick? When did you last... (choose an activity)? When were you last... (use an adjective, like 'sad'?) Ask all of the questions, then it's your tutor's turn.



**Feelings and personality**

*The movie was interesting.*



to like



to enjoy



to love



to feel good



to feel great



a nice person



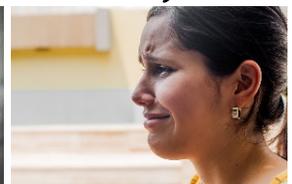
a good person



a good friend



happy



sad



ready



excited



exciting



interested



interesting



bored



boring



fun



funny



safe

**4 Use the vocabulary list to find the right word.**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a) a feeling of pleasure and contentment<br>.....                | l) to have intensely positive feelings<br>.....   |
| b) attracting your attention .....                               | m) close acquaintance .....                       |
| c) feeling of strong affection .....                             | n) feelings of interest and enthusiasm<br>.....   |
| d) not in danger .....   | o) to have happy feelings .....                   |
| e) person who is morally correct .....                           | p) a kind, polite, and friendly person<br>.....   |
| f) prepared to do something .....                                | q) not happy .....                                |
| g) something that makes you laugh .....                          | r) something amusing or enjoyable .....           |
| h) tired and annoyed because something is<br>uninteresting ..... | s) uninteresting .....                            |
| i) to experience something good .....                            | t) wanting to learn more about something<br>..... |
| j) to get pleasure from something .....                          |   |
| k) very enthusiastic about something<br>.....                    |   |

**Let's chat!** Ask your tutor what they did the last time they went out. They should explain when it was using *Time markers*, what they did using a few different verbs, and how it was or how they felt using the *Feelings and personality* vocabulary. Then, it is your tutor's turn.



**Short forms in the past**

*The class wasn't interesting.*

**With 'to be'**

I **wasn't** tired.  
You **weren't** tired.  
He **wasn't** tired.  
She **wasn't** tired.  
We **weren't** tired.  
They **weren't** tired.

**With other verbs**

I **didn't go** out.  
You **didn't go** out.  
He **didn't go** out.  
She **didn't go** out.  
We **didn't go** out.  
They **didn't go** out.

**Interactive practice**

Let's talk about one bad movie you watched. Choose one movie that you didn't enjoy. Tell your tutor why it was bad. Try to use a negative to express it, like "It wasn't exciting." Then, switch roles.

**Quick tip!** Using the apostrophe.

An apostrophe replaces a missing letter in a word. For example, an apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in the word 'not' when 'did not' becomes 'didn't.'



Of course, an apostrophe can also be used to show possession. For example, "my brother's car."

## Going out

*I went to a café for lunch.*



hungry



to eat



thirsty



to drink



a movie theatre



a restaurant



a café



a coffee



for lunch



for dinner



a plate



a bowl



a fork



a spoon



a knife



a cup



a glass



a washroom



a waiter



a waitress

### 5 Use the vocabulary list to find the right word.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <p>a) a flat, round dish for serving food .....</p> <p>b) a man who serves food to people in a restaurant .....</p> <p>c) a place where films are shown .....</p> <p>d) a room with a toilet in a public building .....</p> <p>e) a small, pointed tool for eating food .....</p> <p>f) a small tool used for cutting food .....</p> <p>g) a transparent drinking container .....</p> <p>h) a woman who serves food to people in a restaurant .....</p> <p>i) need to drink .....</p> <p>j) need to eat .....</p> | <p>k) a hot, dark brown drink made with ground beans .....</p> <p>l) put food in mouth and swallow .....</p> <p>m) a place where you can buy and eat a meal .....</p> <p>n) a round container for serving food like soups .....</p> <p>o) a small restaurant where you can buy simple meals and drinks .....</p> <p>p) a small tool with a tiny bowl attached to a handle .....</p> <p>q) a small, round container with a handle for drinking .....</p> <p>r) meal in the middle of the day .....</p> <p>s) put liquid in mouth and swallow .....</p> <p>t) the main meal of the day .....</p> |
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**Vocabulary tip!** When you go to a restaurant, you **order** food. To do that, we use the word 'have.' For example, you could say to the waiter, "I **will have** the salad, please." Then, if you tell this story to a friend, you will say, "Yesterday, I **went** to the restaurant and **had** a salad."



**Let's chat!** Choose a word from the *Going out* vocabulary list. Ask a question like you saw in *Questions with 'When.'* For adjectives, like 'bored' and similar words, you need to ask a question like "When were you bored." For other words, like 'restaurant,' you will need to choose a verb and ask a question like "When did you go to..." Switch roles to do four words each.



**Unit review**

*Simple past: "We played. It was fun."*

**Let's chat!** Tell your tutor five different places where you were today, using the word 'ago.' For example, "Five hours ago, I was in bed." Then, switch roles. Ask questions to your tutor about places they were yesterday using **time markers**. For example, "Were you at home **last night**?" Then, switch roles.



**6 Write questions in the past using the following words.**

- ▶ when | you | go | home? ..... *When did you go home?* .....
- a) we | be | ready | this morning? .....
- b) when | they | go out? .....
- c) he | ask | a question? .....
- d) when | I | be | sad? .....
- e) Scarlett | be | ready | yesterday morning? .....
- f) when | you | go | to work? .....
- g) she | be | excited | last night? .....

**Review the vocabulary for *The body.* (You saw this in Unit A1-02.)**

a body	an arm	a leg	a head	a face
a hand	a finger	a nail	a foot (feet)	a toe
an eye	an ear	a nose	a mouth	a tooth (teeth)



**Who is it?** Start by playing with just the pictures on the left-hand side. Secretly choose one of the pictures. Using the *Feelings and personality* vocabulary list and other words that you know, try to describe the person that you chose. You can say "She is...", or "she is not...", and words like 'very' or 'really.' Your tutor will try to guess which face you chose. When they guess, switch roles. Play for a few minutes. Then, use the pictures of the woman on the right-hand side.



## Recommended homework

*Choose one or more activities*



**Reading and watching.** Use your phone's camera or a "QR Code scanner" to open these pages.



Watch a TV episode on CBC Gem. (It's free!) One good choice is *Schitt's Creek*.  
<https://gem.cbc.ca/>



Read "A Great Summer Vacation," from Lingua. <https://lingua.com/english/reading/summer-vacation/>



Watch "How to Order Food at a Restaurant," by Bob the Canadian.  
<https://youtu.be/uUMPULuwdLI>

**Writing topic:** Choose three places from the *Going out* vocabulary list. Write a short paragraph that describes the last time you went to these places. When did you go? Who were you with? What did you have to eat or drink? How was it, and how did you feel? etc.



## End of Unit A1-05.

**Answers.** ① A. We were not at school yesterday. B. It was cold on the weekend. C. Were they at the party? D. I was angry at him. E. Was Ariana sick last week? F. James was not busy this morning. G. Were you ready? H. Were they at work yesterday afternoon? ② A. We did not go to a restaurant yesterday. B. I was at a party on the weekend. C. Were you at a party? D. I was in Toronto last year. E. Was she at school this morning? F. James was not at a café two days ago. G. Were you at a cottage last month? ③ A. Did they go to Calgary last summer? B. Were we tired last night? C. Did you go to work yesterday morning? D. Was I happy last year? E. Did she go to Rome two years ago? F. Was he at home last night? G. Did they go to school this morning? ④ A. happy B. interesting C. to love D. a good person E. ready F. funny G. bored H. to like I. to enjoy J. excited K. to feel great L. a good friend M. exciting N. to feel good O. a nice person P. sad Q. safe R. fun S. boring T. interested ⑤ A. a plate B. a waiter C. a movie theatre D. a washroom E. a fork F. a knife G. a glass H. a waitress I. thirsty J. hungry K. a coffee L. to eat M. for dinner N. a bowl O. a café P. spoon Q. a cup R. for lunch S. to drink T. for dinner ⑥ A. Were we ready this morning? B. When did they go out? C. Did he ask a question? D. When was I sad? E. Was Scarlett ready yesterday? F. When did you go to work? G. Was she excited last night?



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