4 Past simple e used to (16-19, 23)

Past simple – uso

Parlare di situazioni o eventi passati finiti.
► It was cold last week.
► We played football yesterday.

Past simple – be

Forma affermativa

I
he
she
it

was

you
we
they

were

Forma negativa

I
he
she
it

wasn’t

you
we
they

weren’t

Domande

was

I
he
she
it

?

were

you
we
they

?

Risposte brevi

Usa la forma affermativa o negativa di be. Per esempio:
► Yes, I was. No, I wasn’t.
► Yes, we were. No, we weren’t.
Past simple – verbi regolari e irregolari

| Verbi regolari | I worked  
she wanted  
we played | Si aggiunge -ed alla forma base.  
Per le regole di ortografia vedi le pagine 410-11 di The Complete English Grammar. |
|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Verbi irregolari | have → had  
see → saw  
go → went | Trovi l’elenco dei verbi irregolari alla pagina 416 di The Complete English Grammar. |

**Forma affermativa**

- I  
- he  
- she  
- it → **played**
- you  
- we  
- they → **played**

**Forma negativa**

- I  
- he  
- she  
- it → **didn’t play**
- you  
- we  
- they → **didn’t play**

**Domande**

- did  
- I  
- he  
- she  
- it → **play?**
- did  
- you  
- we  
- they → **play?**

**Risposte brevi**

Usa l’ausiliare did. Per esempio:

- Yes, I did.  
- No, I didn’t.
- Yes, we did.  
- No, we didn’t.
Esercizi

1 Scegli l’alternativa corretta.

1 A: **Was / Were** you tired last night?
   B: Yes, I **was / were**.

2 A: Did you enjoy the film? **Was / Were** it good?
   B: No, it **wasn’t / weren’t**. It **was / were** terrible.

3 A: **Was / Were** Picasso French or Spanish?
   B: **He was / Was he** Spanish. He **was / were** born in Spain.

4 A: You **wasn’t / weren’t** at the football match yesterday.
   Where **you were / were you**?
   B: I **was / were** at home.

5 A: **Was / Were** you ill on Saturday?
   B: Yes, I **was / were**. I **was / were** in bed all day.

2 Completa le frasi con il past simple dei verbi tra parentesi.
   Attenzione: alcuni dei verbi cambiano lettere o le raddoppiano.

► I (listen) **listened** to the radio this morning.
1 My sister (pass) __________ her exam.
2 My mother (study) __________ biology at university.
3 I (watch) __________ TV last night.
4 We (play) __________ football yesterday.
5 Simona (stop) __________ for petrol on the way here.
3 Completa le frasi con la forma negativa del past simple dei verbi tra parentesi.

- I (listen) **didn’t listen** to the radio this morning.

1 My sister (pass) ____________ her exam.
2 My mother (study) ____________ biology at university.
3 I (watch) ____________ TV last night.
4 We (play) ____________ football yesterday.
5 Simona (stop) ____________ for petrol on the way here.

4 Completa le frasi con la forma interrogativa del past simple dei verbi tra parentesi.

- **Did** you (listen) **listen** to the radio this morning?

1 _____ your sister (pass) ________ her exam?
2 _____ your mother (study) ________ biology at university?
3 _____ you (watch) ________ TV last night?
4 _____ they (play) ________ football yesterday?
5 _____ Simona (stop) ________ for petrol on the way here?
Used to

Per esprimere abitudini o situazioni che non esistono più.

**In passato**
Ali had long hair.

**Ora**
Ali has short hair.

Ali used to have long hair.

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<td>I used to play the piano. There used to be a park here.</td>
<td>I didn’t use to enjoy school. She didn’t use to like jazz.</td>
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**Domande**
Did you use to smoke? Did there use to be a school here?

Esercizi

5 Leggi le informazioni su Tom e scrivi delle frasi su di lui usando used to o didn’t use to e le parole date.

**In passato**
Tom ate meat.
Tom didn’t like fruit.
Tom smoked.
Tom didn’t go to the gym.
Tom wore glasses.

**Ora**
Tom doesn’t eat meat.
Tom likes fruit.
Tom doesn’t smoke.
Tom goes to the gym.
Tom wears contact lenses.

▶ He used to eat meat.
▶ He didn’t use to like fruit.

1 He ___________________ smoke.
2 He ___________________ go to the gym.
3 He ___________________ wear glasses.
4 He ___________________ wear contact lenses.