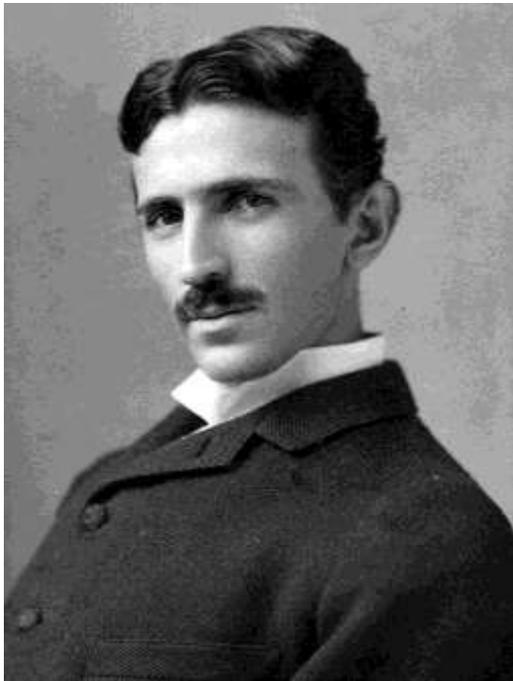


## I. PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE'

1 Use **was/were/wasn't/weren't**. The first sentence has been done for you.



Who **was** Nikola Tesla? Nikola Tesla \_\_\_\_\_  
an engineer and scientist known for designing the  
alternating-current (AC) electric system, which is  
used across the world today. He \_\_\_\_\_  
also responsible for creating the '*Tesla coil*', which is  
still used in radio technology.

Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ born in Smiljan, Croatia, on  
10th July 1856. There \_\_\_\_\_ five children  
in the family. His siblings \_\_\_\_\_ called  
Dane, Angelina, Milka and Marica. Times  
\_\_\_\_\_ hard because in 1856 their  
country \_\_\_\_\_ under Turkish occupation

and many people \_\_\_\_\_ hungry and poor. Tesla's mother's name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Georgina Đuka Tesla. She \_\_\_\_\_ his biggest inspiration for  
working with electricity. When he \_\_\_\_\_ little, she would invent small electrical  
appliances in her free time, such as a mechanical egg beater. Tesla's father, Milutin Tesla,  
\_\_\_\_\_ a Serbian Orthodox priest and a writer, and he wanted his son to join the  
priesthood. But Nikola \_\_\_\_\_ interested in religion, only in science.

Unfortunately, Nikola Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ rewarded for his inventions. On the contrary,  
he \_\_\_\_\_ quite poor when he died. It \_\_\_\_\_ coronary thrombosis  
that killed him on 7th January 1943. He \_\_\_\_\_ 86 years old. In 1994, a street sign  
identifying '*Nikola Tesla Corner*' \_\_\_\_\_ installed near the site of his former New  
York City laboratory.

## II. PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERB 'TO BE' AND REGULAR VERBS

### 2 Change the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense.

The first sentence has been done for you.

Tesla **studied** (study) and **lived** (live) in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. During the 1870s, Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Budapest, where he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the Central Telephone Exchange. At the age of 28, Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to leave Europe for America. He \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in the United States in 1884. Edison \_\_\_\_\_ (hire) Tesla, and the two men \_\_\_\_\_ (work) together. After a few months, they \_\_\_\_\_ (end) their cooperation because of a conflict.

In 1885, Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) funding for the Tesla Electric Light Company. He \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to develop improved arc lighting. However, his partners \_\_\_\_\_ (kick) Tesla out and \_\_\_\_\_ (force) him to work as a manual worker in order to survive.

Throughout his career, Tesla \_\_\_\_\_ (discover), \_\_\_\_\_ (create) and \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) ideas for a number of important inventions. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) also a pioneer in the discovery of radar technology, X-ray technology, remote control and the rotating magnetic field. In 1895, Tesla \_\_\_\_\_

(design) one of the first AC hydroelectric power plants in the United States, at Niagara Falls.

## III. PAST SIMPLE OF REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

### 3 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense.

There is an example at the beginning.

I asked (ask) a few of my friends about their favourite trip. Here are their answers.

'Daniel, what was (be) your favourite trip like? Where did you go (go)?'

'Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Lika with my family. We \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) by car. The trip \_\_\_\_\_ (take) 3 hours. We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a cottage. I \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to sleep out in a tent, but mum \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) happy with that idea. Lika has beautiful mountains and animals. Unfortunately, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) a bear. We \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) three beautiful days there. We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the forest and \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) the fresh air. On the last day we \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) our cottage. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) board games because the weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold and rainy. Still, we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) so much fun!'



'Lucy, where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go)? Who \_\_\_\_\_ you with (be)?'

'My favourite trip \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Šibenik 2 years ago. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in 4th grade and my school \_\_\_\_\_ (organize) outdoor school. All 28 students and 2 teachers \_\_\_\_\_ (agree) to go to Šibenik in June. My parents say it \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) a cheap trip. I also \_\_\_\_\_ (save) up some money for ice-cream!'

'\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in apartments?'

'No, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not stay) in apartments. We \_\_\_\_\_ (book) a hotel.'

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (share) a room with 3 other girls. The hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really nice, but the food \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) good. We mostly \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) watermelon.'

'What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) in Šibenik?'

'During the day we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on the beach, we \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) and \_\_\_\_\_ (play) volleyball. We also \_\_\_\_\_ (see) many cultural sites and \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Krka National Park! In the evening, we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Lina's room, \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) fun there. The scariest part was when I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my phone! I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) it! Luckily, one boy \_\_\_\_\_ (find) it on the beach and \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) it to the hotel reception. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lots of funny photos on my phone. I hope he \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) them all. '



## IV. PAST SIMPLE NEGATIVE

### 4 Make the sentences true by changing them into negative form.

There is an example at the beginning.

- Ivana Brlić-Mažuranić **wrote** Harry Potter books.
  - Ivana Brlić-Mažuranić **didn't write** Harry Potter books.
- a) T-Rex **ate** plants.  
T-Rex \_\_\_\_\_ plants.
- b) Brontosaurus **was** smaller than an elephant.  
Brontosaurus \_\_\_\_\_ smaller than an elephant.
- c) The Grinch **loved** Christmas.  
The Grinch \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
- d) Diana, Princess of Wales **died** in a plane crash.  
Diana, Princess of Wales \_\_\_\_\_ in a plane crash.
- e) Kobe Bryant **played** football.  
Kobe Bryant \_\_\_\_\_ football.
- f) Steve Jobs **went** to university in Zagreb.  
Steve Jobs \_\_\_\_\_ to university in Zagreb.
- g) The Beatles **were** a popular rock band from Germany.  
The Beatles \_\_\_\_\_ a popular rock band from Germany.
- h) Albert Einstein **won** the Nobel Prize for literature.  
Albert Einstein \_\_\_\_\_ the Nobel Prize for literature.

## V. WH-QUESTIONS

5 Insert the question words into the questions in the past simple tense. There is an example at the beginning.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHOSE, WHY, HOW

- **How** did you feel when you met Ed Sheeran? I felt fantastic!
  
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ old were you when you learned to swim? I was 5.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ were you born? I was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ did you visit Paris? I visited Paris last summer.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ was your kindergarten teacher? Mrs Jennings.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ homework did you copy? Sarah's.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ did Anna cry yesterday? Because somebody stole her umbrella.
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ did you eat at grandma's? Cabbage rolls and mashed potatoes.