

PAST SIMPLE

Put the verbs in the brackets in the past simple. Be careful with irregular verbs.

TRIP TO NEW YORK (HELEN'S BLOG)

I have no idea how many kilometres Susan and I _____ (*cover*) in the 7 days we _____ (*spend*) in New York City, but I can tell you it _____ (*be*) a lot! We _____ (*enjoy*) our time together despite the fact we _____ (*walk*) every day in high heels until we _____ (*not feel*) our feet anymore. I'm also not sure how we _____ (*make*) it anywhere as we both _____ (*have*) a dreadful sense of direction. We _____ (*not have*) a single argument, except when she _____ (*eat*) my favourite cupcake, and there _____ (*be*) many nights when we both _____ (*cannot*) sleep so we _____ (*talk*) about everything! Still, the best day was Saturday when we _____ (*meet*) a Big Apple Greeter who _____ (*show*) us around Brooklyn. I _____ (*fall*) in love with Brooklyn Heights. My pedometer _____ (*keep*) crashing, probably due to all the walking. After Brooklyn, we _____ (*return*) to the hotel for a quick snack. Then we _____ (*go*) shopping because in Susan's world there can never be enough shopping!!! Luke and David _____ (*take*) us to an Italian restaurant for dinner and we _____ (*eat*) pasta and pudding for dessert. After dinner we _____ (*watch*) the sunset. I quickly _____ (*forget*) that my feet were killing me. 😊



PAST SIMPLE QUESTIONS (OBJECT vs. SUBJECT QUESTIONS)

Write the questions in the past simple tense. There is an example of one object and one subject question at the beginning.

Example: 7 days. (spend) How many days did Helen and Susan spend in New York City?

Example: Susan. (eat) Who ate Helen's favourite cupcake?

1) A Big Apple Greeter. (show)

Who _____ them around Brooklyn?

2) Probably due to all the walking. (keep)

Why _____ crashing?

3) Luke and David. (take)

Who _____ Helen and Susan to an Italian restaurant?

4) Pasta and pudding. (eat)

What _____ for dinner?

5) They watched the sunset. (do)

What _____ after dinner?

PAST SIMPLE NEGATIVE

Turn positive sentences into negative sentences in the past simple. Be careful with the verb TO BE.

Example: He **was** sad last week. His family **moved** to the USA.

He **wasn't** sad last week. His family **didn't move** to the USA.

- 1) The USA was a Spanish colony. _____
- 2) The USA paid for the Statue of Liberty. _____
- 3) Abraham Lincoln spoke Croatian. _____
- 4) Immigrants had an easy life. _____
- 5) Americans drove on the left side. _____
- 6) Americans invented pizza. _____



PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

a) Circle the correct verb - past simple or past continuous tense.

The first one has been done for you.

SURVIVING A TSUNAMI

Dylan and Claudia had/were having dinner in a fancy restaurant when it suddenly started/was starting to rain. But they didn't mind/weren't minding it. They talked/were talking about their plans for the next morning. While they drank/were drinking wine and listened/listening to some romantic music, their friends slept/were sleeping in the hotel nearby. The rain finally stopped/was stopping. Dylan and Claudia wanted/were wanting to leave the restaurant, when suddenly they heard/were hearing loud screams. Seconds later, a huge wave rushed/was rushing through the restaurant door. The wave quickly took/was taking control and started/was starting spinning their bodies. They were completely covered with water. After almost a minute underwater, Dylan stopped/was stopping spinning and started/was starting swimming. He swam/was swimming for a few minutes and at the same time tried/trying to keep calm, but in his mind he said/was saying goodbye to his loved ones.

b) Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets – past simple or past continuous tense.

The first one has been done for you.

Suddenly, the force of the water threw (*throw*) him towards a forest of coconut palm trees. He _____ (*pass*) by the trees when he somehow _____ (*catch*) a branch which was quite tall. He _____ (*hang*) for a minute, worried about his wife when suddenly the branch _____ (*crack*) and he _____ (*fall*) into the water. Dylan _____ (*notice*) another large piece of plastic which _____ (*float*) near him. He _____ (*put*) his arms around it, desperate to stay on the surface. He finally _____ (*reach*) the shore and the higher ground. There he _____ (*see*) four injured women and men who _____ (*cry*) in pain. Finding other survivors _____ (*give*) him hope that his wife was still alive. He _____ (*lie*) on the beach, waiting for the doctors to help him, when somebody _____ (*call*) his name. It was Claudia...