

Past simple: affirmative and negative and questions

1 Rewrite the sentences so they are true.

Mariano Rajoy wasn't president of Spain in 2013.

Mariano Rajoy was president of Spain in 2017.

- 1 David Beckham didn't play football for England.

- 2 Steve Job's dad didn't work in a bank.

- 3 Shakespeare wrote science fiction novels.

- 4 Rowan Atkinson didn't perform at the Edinburgh festival.

- 5 Rafael Nadal didn't win the French Open in 2013.

2 Order the words to make questions. Then write short answers.

go / your friends / Did / on Saturday / to the cinema ? (✓)

Did your friends go to the cinema on Saturday?
Yes, they did.

- 1 you / read / The Hunger Games / at the weekend / Did ? (✓)

- 2 you a text message / I / Did / send ? (✗)

- 3 your brother / study maths / Did / at university ? (✓)

was / were

3 Complete the sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

King Arthur was a legendary King.

- 1 There _____ any people in the park.
- 2 _____ the play good? No, it _____.
- 3 My friends _____ outside the cinema. They _____ inside buying popcorn.
- 4 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle _____ a writer. His famous character, Sherlock Holmes, _____ a detective.
- 5 Buzz Aldrin _____ the first man on the Moon. Neil Armstrong _____ the first.
- 6 _____ Pippa and Sean in the library this afternoon? No, they _____.

could / couldn't

4 Circle the correct words.

I'm good at languages now, but I **could** / **couldn't** speak English when I was six.

- 1 I **could** / **couldn't** see the stage because the man in front was very tall!
- 2 We **could** / **couldn't** look around the rooms in the Sherlock Holmes Museum. We saw lots of his possessions.
- 3 The singer wasn't very good. She **could** / **couldn't** remember the words of the song!
- 4 The TV was noisy. Mum **could** / **couldn't** hear the person on the phone.
- 5 **Could** / **Couldn't** you understand the play? Yes, I **could** / **couldn't**.