

# 3 Grammar extension

## Past simple: affirmative

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

cook cry discover sell take

We discovered a family of mice under the floor.

- 1 I didn't need my old bicycle, so I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 2 During the sad film, my mum \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
- 3 My dad \_\_\_\_\_ me to school yesterday.
- 4 My friend \_\_\_\_\_ pizza last night.

## Past simple: negative

2 Rewrite the sentences so they are true.

The South African World Cup took place in 2011. (2010)

The South African World Cup didn't take place in 2011. It took place in 2010.

- 1 Nelson Mandela became the first black president of the USA in 2008. (Barack Obama)  
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- 2 King Henry VIII had eight wives. (six)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Neil Armstrong travelled to space in 1961. (Yuri Gagarin)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Adolf 'Adi' Dassler started the shoe company Adidas, and his sister started Puma. (his brother)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## be: past simple

3 Complete the text with *was* / *wasn't* or *were* / *weren't*.

It was Friday evening. My brother and I <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in his bedroom. My parents <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at work so they <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not) at home. My brother <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ bored. I <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not) pleased because my favourite sports programme <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not) on TV. Then there <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a noise. My friends, Jack and Nick, <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the door with three DVDs and a huge pizza! The DVDs <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ horror films and the pizza <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic. What a great surprise!

## Past simple: questions

4 Write the questions using the past simple. Then write the answers.

Who / be / Marco Polo? (an Italian explorer)

Who was Marco Polo?

He was an Italian explorer.

- 1 When / the Irish Potato Famine / begin? (in 1845)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What / Captain Cook and his men / discover? (Australia)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How many exams / you / have last week? (three)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## could / couldn't

5 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't* so they are true for you.

I couldn't speak English when I was two.

- 1 My mum \_\_\_\_\_ drive a car when she was 20.
- 2 My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ swim when we were eight.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ ride a horse three years ago.

