

Intermediate grammar exercise: past simple

In this exercise you will practise the past simple tense.

Exercise instructions

Use the words in brackets to complete each of the following. All the sentences are in the past simple.

1. (you/see) _____ Martin yesterday?
2. I (last/see) _____ him two days ago.
3. He (not/be) _____ at the meeting on Monday because he was away on business.
4. Where (she/go) _____ for her holidays?
5. How long (it/take/you) _____ to drive from Amsterdam to Paris?
6. (you/enjoy) _____ your holiday in Italy?
7. I (see) _____ a great film on TV last night.
8. I (not/eat) _____ the food because I wasn't hungry.
9. Why (you/not/get) _____ up earlier? You're going to be late.
10. Why (you/not/be) _____ at work yesterday? Were you ill?

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Key

1. (you/see) **Did you see** Martin yesterday?
2. I (last/see) **last saw** him two days ago.
3. He (not/be) **wasn't / was not** at the meeting on Monday because he was away on business.
4. Where (she/go) **did she go** for her holidays?
5. How long (it/take/you) **did it take you** to drive from Amsterdam to Paris?
6. (you/enjoy) **Did you enjoy** your holiday in Italy?
7. I (see) **saw** a great film on TV last night.
8. I (not/eat) **didn't eat / did not eat** the food because I wasn't hungry.
9. Why (you/not/get) **didn't you get** up earlier? You're going to be late.
10. Why (you/not/be) **weren't you / were you not** at work yesterday? Were you ill?

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