

Simple past of *be*

A Unscramble the questions. Then complete the answers with *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, or *weren't*.
Practice with a partner.

When you were little . . .

1. A strict / your / Were / parents Were your parents strict?
B No, they _____ very strict with me. They _____ pretty relaxed about things.
2. A school / Was / elementary / your / big _____ ?
B No, it _____. It _____ a small school with 50 children.
3. A in / class / your / Were / friends / your _____ ?
B Yes, they _____. We _____ all in the same class.
4. A a good student / Were / you _____ ?
B Well, I _____ OK. I always did my homework.
5. A nice / your / Was / teacher / first _____ ?
B My first teacher _____ nice, but some teachers _____ very strict.
6. A you / on / Were / a sports team _____ ?
B No, I _____ on a sports team, but I _____ a good swimmer.

Simple past information questions

A Complete the questions in the conversation. Use a question word and a verb in the simple past.
Then practice the conversation with a partner.

- Jim I see you're back in the office. How was _____ your vacation?
Liz It was great. Really exciting.
Jim So _____ go?
Liz I went to Brazil. To the Amazon.
Jim Wow! _____ there?
Liz I was there for over a week. It was wonderful.
Jim It sounds great. So _____ do exactly?
Liz Well, I went on a boat trip — a nature tour. There were about 40 other people on the boat. And there was a guide. It was amazing.
Jim Nice. So _____ like?
Liz He was smart and very interesting. I learned a lot.
Jim And _____ the weather?
Liz Oh, it was hot and humid. And I mean, *very* hot!
Jim Really? So _____ back?
Liz Actually, I got back four days ago. I always rest for a couple of days after a vacation!

Countable / uncountable nouns

A Complete the questions with *much*, *many*, or *a lot of*. Sometimes there is more than one answer. Complete the answers with *a* or *an*. Write (–) if you don't need *a* or *an*.

1. A How much fish do you eat? Do you eat a lot?
B Actually, I don't like _____ fish. I'm kind of picky.
2. A Do you eat _____ vegetables?
B Actually, I eat _____ raw carrot every day for my mid-morning snack.
3. A How _____ fruit do you eat?
B Well, I love _____ apples. I usually have _____ apple after dinner.
4. A Do you eat _____ red meat?
B No, I don't. I don't like _____ red meat.
5. A How _____ cereal do you eat for breakfast?
B I don't eat cereal. I usually have _____ egg with toast.
6. A How _____ times a week do you go out for dinner?
B Once or twice a week. I'm a big fan of _____ Italian restaurants.

Would like; some and any

A Unscramble the questions. Then complete the conversations with *some* or *any*. Compare with a partner.

1. A Would / some / you / coffee / like Would you like some coffee?
B Sure, but we don't have any milk. I can get some
2. A you / like / Would / go out / to / for lunch _____ ?
B Actually, I just ordered a big pizza. Would you like _____ ?
A I'd love _____. I'm starving. I didn't have _____ breakfast.
3. A some / like / cookies / Would / you _____ ?
B No, thanks. I don't want _____ right now. But can I have _____ later?
4. A tonight / to / Where / eat / would / like / you _____ ?
B Well, there are _____ good seafood restaurants around here. I'd really like _____ fish.
5. A like / do / to / would / What / you / for your birthday _____ ?
B I'd like to invite _____ friends over for dinner. But I don't want _____ gifts!