Grammar  Past simple: verb to be all forms;
past simple affirmative
Vocabulary  Music; festivals
Phrases  Talking about festivals; buying tickets

Vocabulary & Reading

Music
1. Listen and number the kinds of music in the order you hear them.

Words 2 know
- rock
- classical
- jazz
- pop
- folk
- heavy metal
- disco
- punk
- hip-hop

2. In groups, discuss the questions.
   - What kinds of music do you like?
   - Name singers/bands for the music in Words2know.

3. SKIMMING Read George’s emails quickly. Tick (√) the ideas he mentions.

   - meet new people
   - boring groups
   - sunny weather
   - a lot of weather
   - great bands
   - different kinds of music
   - expensive tickets
   - terrible weather

4. Read the emails again. Answer the questions.
   1. Who is George with?
   2. What kinds of music does he mention?
   3. What kind of music doesn’t he like?
   4. Why is he surprised about Katie?

5. In pairs, discuss the questions.
   - Do you go to outdoor gigs or concerts?
   - Do you like them? Why/Why not?
   - Do you know any famous music festivals?
   - What are they?

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**Grammar focus**

**Past simple: verb to be**

6 Read Grammar 2 know. Are sentences 1 and 2 below about the past or the present? How do you know?

1. Last night was a disaster.
2. There were also some boring folk groups.

**Grammar 2 know**

Past simple: verb to be

Use the past simple to talk about situations in the past.

+ I/He/She/It was tired.
  You/We/They were friendly.

- I/He/She/It was not (wasn’t) tired.
  You/We/They were not (weren’t) friendly.

**Time expressions:**
- last night
- yesterday
- last week
- last month
- in January 2008

**Short answers**

- Was I/he/she/it tired? Yes, I/he/she/it was. No, I/he/she/it wasn’t.
- Were you/we/they warm and dry last night? Yes, you/we/they were. No, you/we/they weren’t.

**Will:** Where 1 were you last weekend?

**Jack:** I 2 was at Glastonbury Festival!

**Will:** Really? Who 3 were you with?

**Jack:** I 4 was with Mia and Callum.

**Will:** 5 was the weather OK?

**Jack:** No, it 6 rained. It 7 was terrible!

**Will:** What 8 were the best bands?

**Jack:** The Foo Fighters and The Kooks. They 9 were brilliant!

**Will:** 10 were the Rolling Stones there?

**Jack:** No, they 11 were. Maybe next year!

9 a  Complete the text about the Glastonbury Festival. Use the present or past simple form of the verb to be. Then listen and check.

**Glastonbury**

The first Glastonbury Festival 1 was in September 1970. The tickets 2 were expensive. In fact, they 3 weren’t only £1! It’s different now. The tickets 4 are very expensive. There 5 were only 15,000 people at the first festival but in 2007, there 6 were over 177,000! The weather isn’t always good at Glastonbury. In fact, the weather 7 was usually terrible.

Top bands and singers play at the festival including Radiohead, REM, Björk and Robbie Williams. David Bowie 8 was the top act in 2000. He 9 was also at Glastonbury in 1980!

b  Listen again and underline two mistakes in the text. Then correct them.

10 a Who were your favourites when you were ten? Complete the questions. Then write your answers.

1. Who 1 were your favourite singers when you were ten?

2. What 2 were your favourite band?

3. What 3 were your favourite TV programme?

4. Who 4 were your favourite actors?

5. What 5 were your favourite song?

b In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

Who were your favourite singers when you were ten?

Madonna and Christina Aguilera. But I don’t like them now!

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Vocabulary & Reading

Festivals

1. Look at the photos of different New Year festivals. Which Words2know can you find?

Words2know
- party
- presents
- fireworks
- special clothes
- traditional dancing
- candles
- parade
- special food
- cards
- sweets

2. a. Match the festivals 1–3 with the photos A–C.
   - 1. Diwali
   - 2. The Chinese New Year
   - 3. New Year’s Eve

   b. Read the text and check your ideas.

3. Read the text again and tick (✓) true or cross (✗) false. Correct the false sentences.
   1. Becky was in London on 31 December.  ✓
   2. The Chinese New Year festival is in March.  ✗
   3. The festival lasts for over two weeks.  ✓
   4. Diwali is a Hindu festival.  ✓
   5. It is traditional to give presents at Diwali.  ✗

4. In pairs, discuss what you do at New Year. Use phrases from the text.

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My three New Year Festivals

Becky Wells

LAST YEAR, I celebrated the New Year three times. It started in Brighton. I had a big New Year’s Eve party on 31 December (this finished at two in the morning!).

In February, I stayed with my mate Lee in London and enjoyed the Chinese New Year. The festival lasts fifteen days. Lee’s parents decorated their house and painted their doors red. Red is a lucky colour for Chinese people! On New Year’s Eve, they cooked special food and at midnight, they had amazing fireworks. On New Year’s Day, we watched a fantastic parade.

“Anisha texted her ‘Happy Diwali’ messages and her sister sent beautiful emails.”

Three weeks ago, in November, I went to Birmingham. My friend Anisha is a Hindu and her family celebrates the new year festival of Diwali. That day, they cleaned the house and gave us sweets, presents and cards. Anisha texted her ‘Happy Diwali’ messages and her sister sent beautiful emails. In the evening, her family wore new clothes and put lights and candles in the house and garden. Later, we watched brilliant fireworks and traditional Indian dancing. And I went to bed very late!”
**Grammar focus**

**Past simple affirmative**

5 Read Grammar2know. Complete the sentences with Lee’s family or Anisha’s family. Then read the text on page 58 again to check your answers.

1. __________ decorated their house.
2. __________ wore new clothes.
3. __________ cleaned their house.
4. __________ gave presents and cards.
5. __________ watched a parade.
6. __________ cooked special food.

**Grammar2know**

Past simple: affirmative

Use the past simple to talk about actions in the past.

verb + -ed:

/finish → finished
/clean → cleaned

+ /I/You/He/She/It/You/We/They cooked dinner. (regular)

Many verbs have irregular past forms:

go → went
/wear → wore
give → gave
/have → had

They wore new clothes.

**Time expressions:**

last year  three weeks ago  in February  later

on New Year’s Eve  at midnight  after that

6 Find the past simple form of these verbs in the text on page 58. Are they regular (R) or irregular (I)?

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7 Complete the email with past simple forms of the verbs in brackets. Check the irregular verbs at the back of the book.

To: Dorota

Subject: Happy New Year!

Hi Dorota,

I hope you’re well. How was your New Year’s Eve party? I 1. __________ (have) a fantastic time. I 2. __________ (stay) with my friend Jamie and his family in Edinburgh.

On New Year’s Eve, we 3. __________ (go) to a huge street party in the city centre. A lot of bands 4. __________ (give) concerts. At midnight, we all 5. __________ (hold) hands and 6. __________ (sing) Auld Lang Syne (that’s a traditional Scottish song). Then we 7. __________ (watch) amazing fireworks. After that, we 8. __________ (walk) back to Jamie’s house for a party. We 9. __________ (dance) for hours. Great party!

Tell me all your news!

Oscar

8 a (3.9) PRONUNCIATION Listen and repeat the verbs below.

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b (3.10) Put these verbs in the correct groups. Then listen and check.

watched  walked  painted  tidied  finished  listened  started  danced  enjoyed  cleaned

9 a Write sentences about the last time you did these things.

I finished a novel about two weeks ago.

b Read your sentences in pairs. Are any of your sentences the same?

10 a (3.11) Listen to the conversations. Tick (✓) the things Jade, Max and Nadia did at the weekend.

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b Talk about Jade, Max and Nadia.

Max and Nadia watched a film.

11 In pairs, talk about last weekend:

• the things you did.
• the people you saw.

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Last weekend, I went to the cinema. I saw the new Batman film.

I did my homework. Boring!
Reading & Speaking

1 Find the words in the pictures.

wagon magnifying glass
tent wheel bathtub

2 Look at the cartoons. What are the people doing?

3 Read the article. Match the headings A–D with the paragraphs 1–3. There is one extra heading.
   A  Follow that bath!
   B  Great food, great music
   C  How much is that horse?
   D  What’s cooking?

4 Read the article again. Tick (✓) true or cross (✗) false.
   1  Nathan was on holiday in the US last July.
   2  The ‘Cowboys and Indians’ were actors in real life.
   3  In the 1830s, people met to buy and sell things at the Green River.
   4  Oatman is in Arizona.
   5  The competitors cooked the eggs with gas and electricity.
   6  They only had quarter of an hour to cook the eggs.
   7  The Great Nome Bathtub Race is in Russia.
   8  There were six people in Ricky’s team.
   9  Ricky’s team won the race.

5 In groups, discuss the questions about the article.
   • Which festival is interesting/funny/exciting/strange?
   • Which festival do you want to go to? Why?

I want to go to the egg-cooking festival in Oatman. I think it’s funny. And I like eggs!

There are some famous festivals in the US, like Mardi Gras in New Orleans. And there are some unusual ones, too. Here are some readers’ reports on these strange celebrations.

Last July, we were on holiday in the US. In the town of Pinedale, Wyoming, we saw a group of cowboys and Native Americans. They weren’t really ‘Cowboys and Indians’ of course – they were in costume. It was the ‘Great Green River Rendezvous’ festival. It was very colourful and there were lots of tents, wagons and horses. It was just like in the 1830s when people met to buy and sell things.

Nathan Bell
You probably don’t know Oatman in Arizona – it has a population of around 200! I went there last year for the annual egg-cooking competition on 4 July. Twenty competitors cooked eggs without gas or electricity. They only used the heat of the sun, with mirrors and magnifying glasses. And they only had fifteen minutes!

Anya Thomas

The city of Nome is in Alaska. Every September, they have The Great Nome Bathtub Race. I entered the competition with some friends from college. The race was about a hundred metres long. Our bathtub was on wheels. Four friends pushed the tub and I sat inside. We weren’t the winners – but it was great fun!

Ricky Young

Talking about festivals

Last year, I went to (a St Patrick’s Day parade). We watched (a big parade/fireworks). They ate (traditional/special food). She wore (traditional clothes). We listened to (traditional music).