

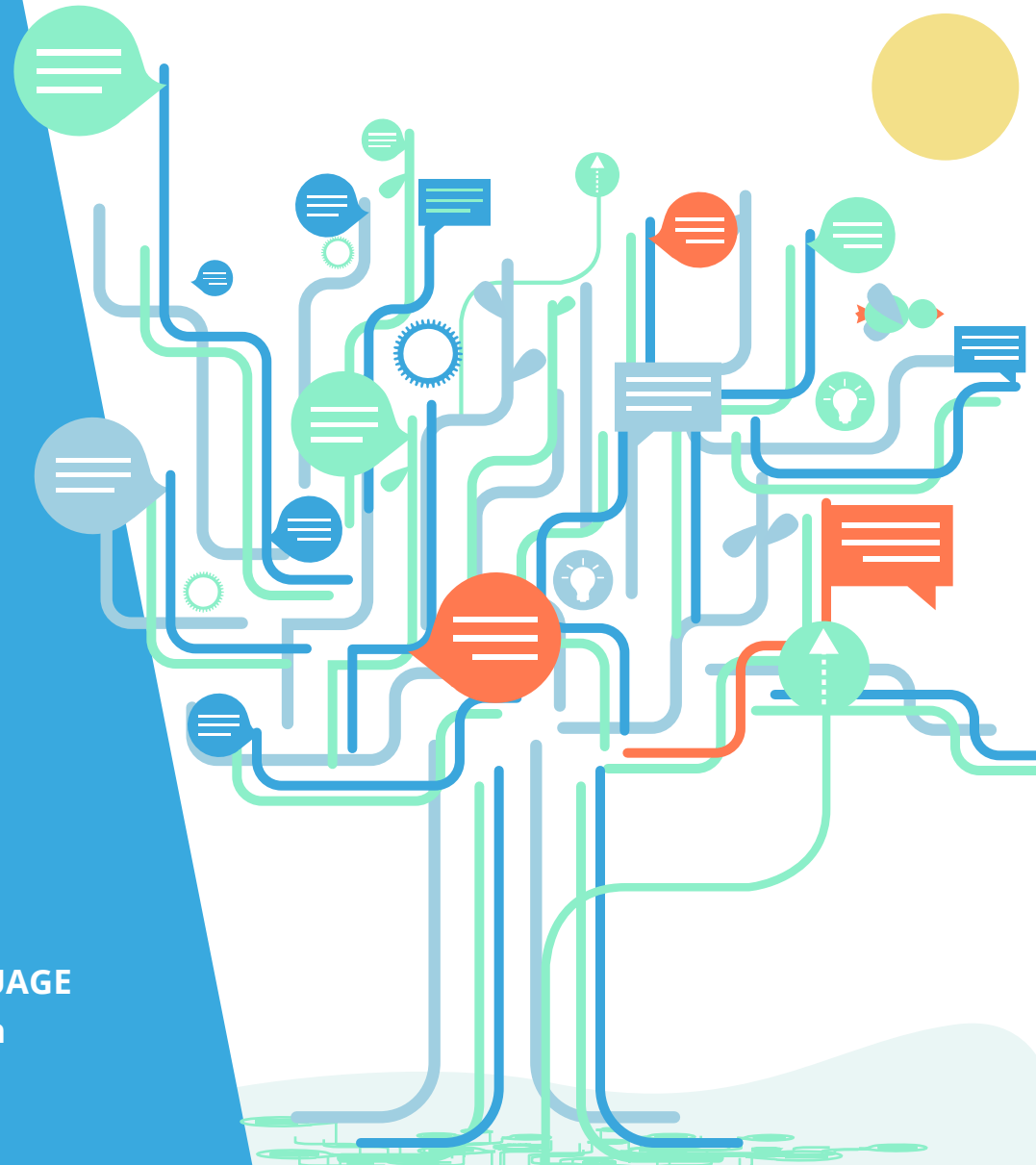
The past simple: to be and to have

GRAMMAR

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Beginner

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English

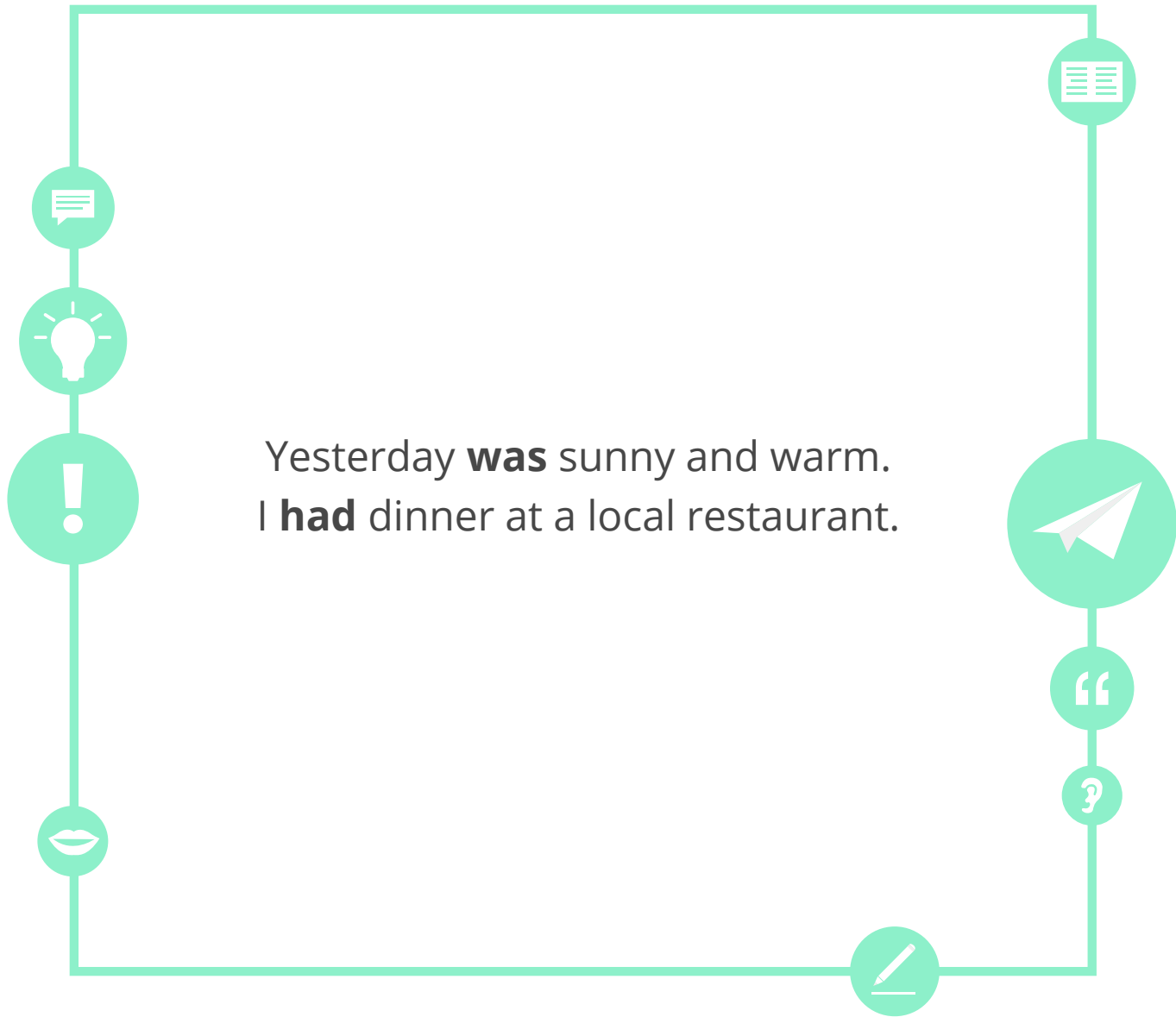




Goals

- Can form the past simple of the verbs 'to be' and 'to have'.
- Can use the past simple forms of the verbs 'to be' and 'to have' in a simple sentence.







Past simple of *to be*

- Use the **past simple** to talk about **finished** actions in the **past**.

present simple	past simple
I am	I was
You are	You were
He is	He was
She is	She was
It is	It was
We are	We were
They are	They were



Talking about the past



I **was** asleep!

It **was** sunny yesterday!



We **were** in Brazil last year.

She **was** late for work today.





What was the weather like yesterday?



was

were

rainy

sunny



Was or were?

Use the past simple of **to be** to complete the dialogue



Where _____ you last week?

I _____ on vacation.



Very nice! What _____ the weather like?



Activity

Complete the sentences

1. He _____ in France last week.
2. They _____ tired last night.
3. It _____ cloudy and cold yesterday.
4. We _____ at the museum a few days ago.
5. I _____ so tired after work yesterday.



Past simple of *to have*

- Use the **past simple** to talk about **finished** actions in the **past**.

present simple	past simple
I have	I had
You have	You had
He has	He had
She has	She had
It has	It had
We have	We had
They have	They had



Read the sentences



I **had** a great time on vacation!

We **had** dinner together last night.





Activity

Complete the sentences

1. I _____ a meeting with my boss yesterday.
2. You _____ a coffee this morning.
3. She _____ an amazing vacation.
4. We _____ a great time in New York last month.
5. My brother _____ a pet frog.



Complete the table

	<i>to be</i>	<i>to have</i>
I	was	had
you	_____	_____
he	_____	_____
she	_____	_____
it	was	had
we	_____	_____
they	_____	_____





We had a great time!

I _____ in Canada last year
with my husband. It _____
amazing to see snow for the first time!
The weather _____ cold, but
we _____ prepared! We
_____ lots of warm clothes.
We _____ a great time!



was

had

was

were

had

was



Change the sentences

1. It is sunny.

→ It **was** sunny.

2. It is interesting.

→ _____

3. He has three children.

→ _____

4. They have a meeting.

→ _____

5. Im on vacation.

→ _____



Asking questions in the past simple

Forming questions in the **past simple** is not much different from forming questions in the **present simple**.

The structure of the question **stays the same**. The only difference is the tense of the verb. Look at these questions using the verb **to be**.

present simple	past simple
Are you cold?	Were you cold?
What time is it?	What time was it?
Am I married?	Was I married?
Are we happy?	Were we happy?
Where is Simon?	Where was Simon?



Past simple of *to do*



One of the most important verbs for asking questions is the verb ***to do***. It is an **irregular** verb.

present simple	past simple
I do	I did
You do	You did
He, she, it does	He, she, it did
We do	We did
They do	They did



Asking questions in the past simple using *to do*

The verb **to do** is used for many different kinds of questions in English, especially in the **past simple**.

The **structure** of the sentence **stays the same** when you are posing questions in the past simple. All you need to **change** is the tense of the verb **to do**. The second verb stays in the **infinitive**.

Do you know?  Did you know?

When we ask questions that include the verb **to have** in English, we normally use this structure of **did + infinitive verb** in the **past simple**:

- **Did** you have fun?
- **Did** you have pets when you were young?



Think of a question for each answer

1. I had a great time, thanks!

→ Did you have a good time?

2. I think she was at the beach.

→ _____

3. They had a dog when they were kids.

→ _____

4. It was okay. Nothing special.

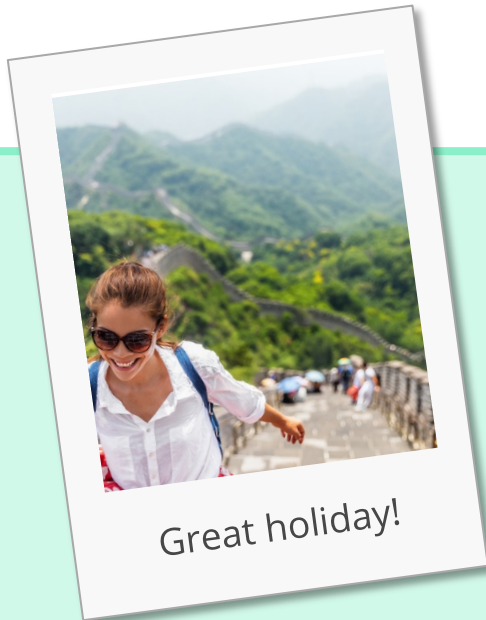
→ _____

5. He had to go to school.

→ _____



Where was Claire?



Your friend Claire has shown you this photo from her latest holiday.

Where was she?

What did she do there?

How did she feel?

She was in...



Where was Claire?



Your friend Claire has shown you this photo from her latest holiday.

Where was she?

What did she do there?

Did she have a good time?

She had...



Where was Claire?



Your friend Claire has shown you this photo from her latest holiday.

Where was she?

What did she do there?

She did...



Your turn!

Talk about your last holiday, or the last time you did something exciting. Talk about where you were, how you felt and what you did. Talk about the weather, the food, the people...



I was...

it was...

food

I had...

weather

people



Talk to your classmates

Think of someone
who...

...had a meeting at work last week.

...was on vacation last month.

...had a coffee this morning.

...was at work yesterday.

Tell the class who these people are.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





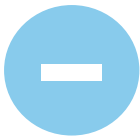
Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key

Exercise p.6
It (the weather) was rainy.

Exercise p.7
were – was – was

Exercise p.8
1. was – 2. were – 3. was – 4. were - - 5. was

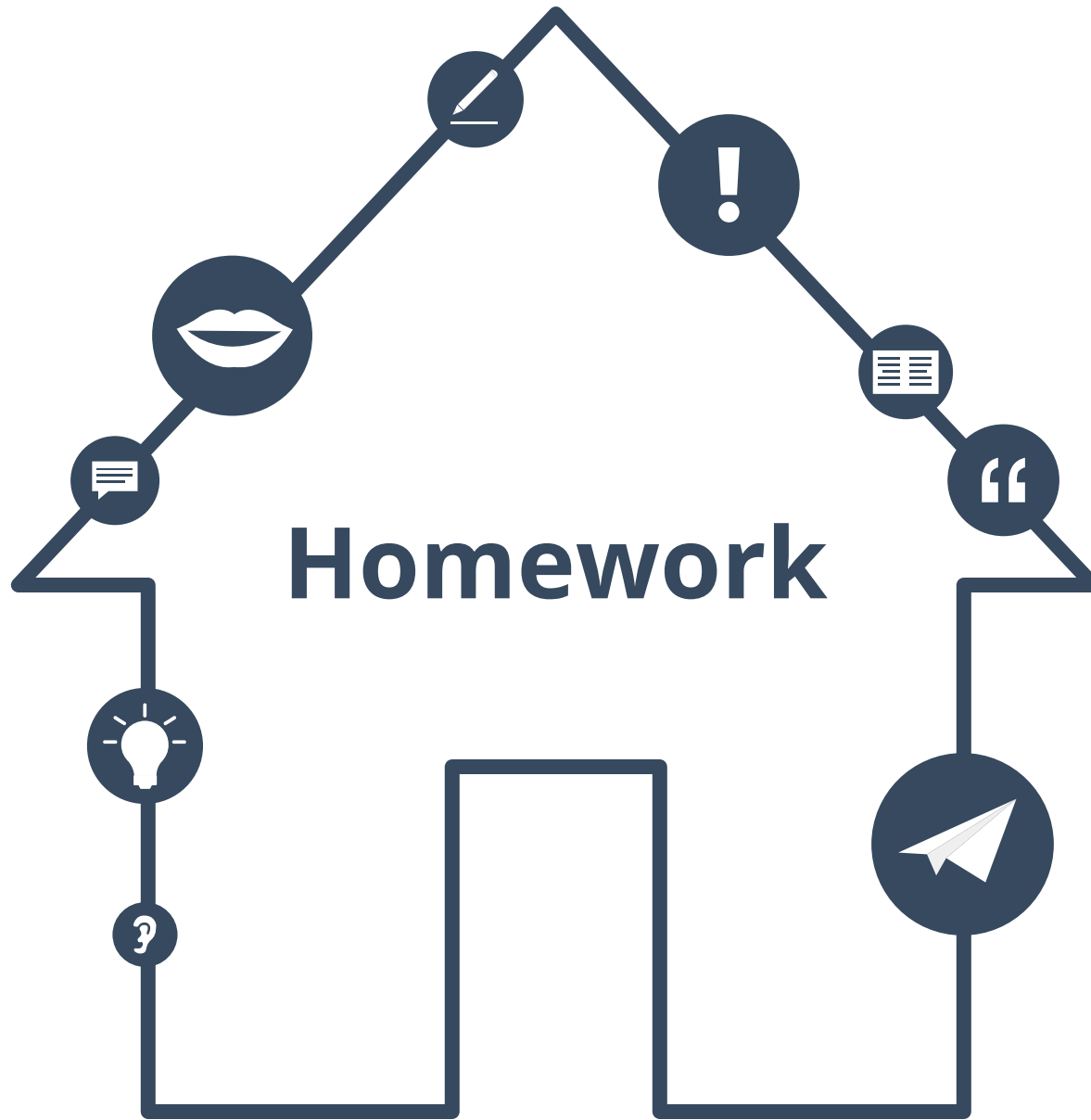
Exercise p.11
1. had – 2. had – 3. had – 4. had - 5. had

Exercise p.12
you: were, had
she: was, had
they: were, had
he: was, had
we: were, had

Exercise p.13
was – was – were – were – had – had

Exercise p.14
was – had – had – I was

Exercise p.18
Where was she? – did they ever have pets? – how was it? – where is he?





Complete the table

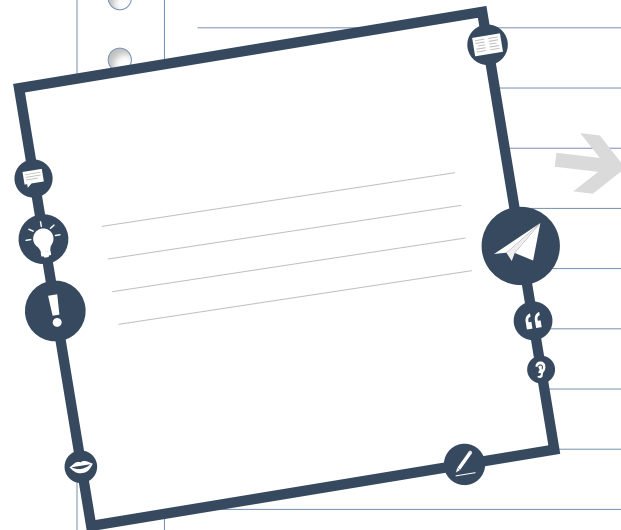
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they	_____	_____





Text at the beginning

Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.



A series of horizontal lines for writing, with three punch holes on the left side, representing a notebook page.



Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

Verbs



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**





Examples:





I don't understand



→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.



He has a book



→ We have a book



...















Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical rectangular area with a light gray background, a vertical line on the left side, and a series of horizontal lines for writing, resembling a page from a spiral notebook.



Homework answer key

Exercise p.27
to be: were – was – were – were – was – was – were – were – were
to have: had – had – had – had – had – had – had – had – had

