



Malala Yousafzai: Key facts

- She was born in Pakistan in 1997.
- When she was 11, she started a blog about education.
- In 2012, a man with a gun tried to kill her. She travelled to hospitals in Germany and the UK, and she lived.
- In 2013 she visited the United Nations and talked about education for girls.
- In 2014, she received the Nobel Peace Prize.
- In 2017, she started a degree at Oxford University.

Presentation

Use the past simple to talk about finished actions and events.

Regular verbs

I/You/He/She/It/We/They	lived visited started	in Pakistan. the USA. university.
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TIP Verbs have one form in the past simple:

***I lived** in this house.*

***He lived** in this house.*

***They lived** in this house.*

Spelling changes

- Add *-ed* to the infinitive: *start* → *started*, *finish* → *finished*
- Add *-d* to words ending in *e*: *live* → *lived*, *die* → *died*
- Add *-ied* to two syllable words ending in *-y*: *study* → *studied*, *marry* → *married*
- Double the consonant letter with some verbs: *travel* → *travelled*, *stop* → *stopped*

Key vocabulary **Regular past simple verbs:** closed, died, enjoyed, finished, liked, lived, married, opened, received, started, stopped, studied, travelled, visited, walked, watched, worked

Exercises

1 Match the two parts of the sentence.

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| 1 They started | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a a present for my birthday. |
| 2 We enjoyed | <input type="checkbox"/> | b school last week. |
| 3 I received | <input type="checkbox"/> | c dinner. It was delicious. |
| 4 My family lived | <input type="checkbox"/> | d the piano when I was a child. |
| 5 I learned | <input type="checkbox"/> | e a museum when they were in Beijing. |
| 6 They visited | <input type="checkbox"/> | f in this house for two years. |
| 7 The shop | <input type="checkbox"/> | g by train across Russia. |
| 8 You travelled | <input type="checkbox"/> | h closed at ten. |

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form.

- 1 I watched the film at the cinema last night. (watch)
- 2 The shop opened late yesterday. (open)
- 3 We started school when we were four. (start)
- 4 You finished university last year. (finish)
- 5 My family travelled to Australia in the summer. (travel)
- 6 I worked in a restaurant for three months. (work)
- 7 They studied history at school. (study)
- 8 We lived in South Africa for one year. (live)
- 9 At the weekend, my friends walked twenty kilometres! (walk)
- 10 My grandmother died in 2010. (die)

3 Read the information and complete the text with verbs in the past simple.



1943	born in Liverpool, England.
1956	loves music and receives his first guitar from his father.
1958	plays his guitar with The Beatles for the first time
1960–1970	travels with the Beatles all over the world
1978	marries Olivia
2001	dies in Los Angeles, aged 58

George Harrison ¹ was born in 1943. When he was a child he ² loved music and he ³ received his first guitar from his father. In 1958, he ⁴ played his guitar with the Beatles for the first time. From 1960 to 1970 he ⁵ travelled with the Beatles all over the world. In 1978, he ⁶ married Olivia and he ⁷ died in Los Angeles in 2001, aged 58.