



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.

- I watched the film at the cinema last night. (watch)
- The shop late yesterday. (open)
- We school when we were four. (start)
- You university last year. (finish)
- My family to Australia in the summer. (travel)
- I in a restaurant for three months. (work)
- They history at school. (study)
- We in South Africa for one year. (live)
- At the weekend, my friends twenty kilometres! (walk)
- My grandmother in 2010. (die)

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



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| 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 music and he ³ his first guitar from his father. In 1958, he ⁴ his guitar with the Beatles for the first time. From 1960 to 1970 he ⁵ with the Beatles all over the world. In 1978, he ⁶ Olivia and he ⁷ in Los Angeles in 2001, aged 58.