

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 1

Spotlight 3 Unit 1: summer and past simple

Study Spotlight 3 Unit 1 in English 3AC with past-simple holiday accounts, travel vocabulary, new illustrations and corrected reading and writing practice.

Key points

- Use past simple for a completed visit.
- Use was or were for past be.
- Did takes a base verb: Did you travel?

Learning goals

- Describe a completed holiday or short visit.
- Use was, were and common past verbs.
- Ask questions about a finished event.

How do I describe a finished summer visit?

Set the visit in time and place: Last summer, I visited my uncle in Tetouan. Then describe a few actions in order. A local visit, a family stay or an activity at home can all provide a clear school account. The aim is to explain a real or imagined completed experience, not to describe an expensive trip.

Useful travel phrases include by bus, by train, on foot, arrive in a town and stay with relatives. Choose only details you can connect sensibly. Begin with where and when, add activities, then give one feeling or memorable moment.



Use a local visit to practise past actions, time order and a personal memory.

How do I form past statements?

For many regular verbs, add -ed: visited, helped, watched. A verb ending in silent e usually adds -d: arrived. Learn irregular forms separately: go/went, see/saw, take/took, buy/bought and eat/ate.

The verb be uses was with I, he, she and it; were with you, we and they. I was tired. My cousins were happy. Negatives are wasn't and weren't. Keep the subject and verb consistent when describing the people on a trip.

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TELL A FINISHED VISIT

Past verbs put the journey in a completed time.

- 1 Regular verbs
visit / visited; arrive / arrived



- 2 Irregular verbs
go / went; see / saw; take / took



- 3 Past be
The room was quiet. The streets were busy.

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Past verbs put the journey in a completed time.

How do I ask about a past event?

Use did plus a base verb: Where did you go? Did you visit a museum? A negative uses didn't plus a base verb: We didn't swim. Do not write Did you went? or We didn't visited. With be, ask Was it interesting? or Were they tired? without did.

How can I write a clear holiday paragraph?

Use first, then, later and finally only where they help the order. Add one exact detail, such as a book you bought or a place you drew. Read the paragraph once for meaning, then again for verb forms. This independent lesson supports the unit theme; use your teacher's tasks and textbook sequence for classwork.

A worked example

A short visit to Tetouan

Last summer, I stayed with my uncle in Tetouan for three days. We walked through the old town and visited a small exhibition. I took notes for a school project. The streets were busy, but the exhibition room was quiet. I came home with useful ideas for a drawing.

- Stayed, walked and visited are regular past forms.
- Took and came are irregular past forms.
- Were describes plural streets; was describes one room.

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PAST QUESTIONS AND NEGATIVES

Did carries the past form, so the main verb stays in its base form.

1 Question

Did you visit the exhibition?



2 Negative

We didn't visit the museum.



3 With be

Was it interesting? Were they tired?

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Did carries the past form, so the main verb stays in its base form.

How should I use this English 3AC lesson?

- Try the exercises before reading the answers.
- Explain a correction in your own words.
- Return to the examples when two structures look similar.

The semester grouping is an editorial revision order. Follow the units, tasks and pace used by your own teacher and textbook.

Exercises: try before reading the answers

1. Regular past

Write the past forms of visit, help and arrive.

2. Irregular past

Complete: We _____ (go) to the old town and _____ (see) an exhibition.

3. Past be

Complete: I _____ tired, but my cousins _____ happy.

4. A question

Correct: Did you took photographs?

5. A negative

Make negative: We visited the museum.

6. A short account

Write four sentences about a completed local visit.

Answers and explanations

1. Regular past

Visited, helped and arrived.

2. Irregular past

Went and saw. Both forms are irregular.

3. Past be

I was tired, but my cousins were happy.

4. A question

Did you take photographs? Use take after did.

5. A negative

We didn't visit the museum. Use visit after didn't.

6. A short account

Possible answer: Last Friday, I visited my uncle. We walked to the market. I bought a notebook. I was happy to spend time with my family. Other coherent past accounts are possible.

Frequently asked questions

What does this Spotlight 3 Unit 1 lesson practise?

It practises holiday and visit vocabulary, past simple, was/were and short past-event accounts for English 3AC.

Should I write did you went?

No. Write Did you go? Did already carries the past meaning.

Can I describe a local visit?

Yes. A local trip or family visit can provide enough detail for a clear past account.

Revision resource: follow the units, instructions and pace set by your teacher.

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