

Task 1

Let's revise! Past simple in storytelling

We use the past simple to tell stories from the past that are not related to present time.
e.g. Once upon a time there **was** a good king who **ruled** for forty years.

We use the past simple to say that one action followed another (for the order of events).
e.g. He **opened** the door, **took off** his coat and **started** crying.

We use the following words and phrases in writing about the order of events in the past:
Once upon a time, First, Then, After that, Finally, In the end, ...

We don't have to use the past simple when we quote somebody's exact words.
e.g. ...and then he **said**: 'I'll call you soon'.

Task 2

a) Put the verbs into past simple to complete the following story.



Once upon a time there _____ (live) a cruel King. Nobody _____ (like) him because he _____ (take) all the money through taxes. His people _____ (be) poor and angry. When they _____ (come) to the palace to complain, they _____ (be) put into prison at once. One day two brave friends _____ (make) a plan. They _____ (go) to the palace dressed up as King's servants. Soon they _____ (meet) the King himself and they _____ (stop) to greet him...

b) Finish the story using some new verbs in past simple: get, see, have, order, run, catch, ...
It should be done in 10-15 minutes in 40-50 words. All students vote for the best story.

Answer key: Task 2 a) lived, liked, took, were, came, were, made, went, met, stopped

