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## GRAMMAR - Would like

- We use "would like" (contraction: I'd like) to politely express what we want, likes and dislikes. We use it either with verbs and nouns.

Example (verb): I would like to eat a pizza now. WOULD LIKE + TO + VERB

Example (noun): I would like a Coke now. WOULD LIKE + NOUN

- We also use "would like" to make polite offers and requests.

Example (offer): Would you like some tea?

Example (request): I would like to get a return ticket for tomorrow.

- Questions and answers

Would you like to go to the concert with me? Yes, I would. / No, I would not or I wouldn't (contraction).

Be careful!

Don't contract "would" in affirmative short answers.

Example: Would you like to listen to music? Yes, I would NOT Yes, I'd.

**Exercise 1.** Complete the sentences using a comparative form.

1. Sara: "\_\_\_\_ some cake?" Marta: "Yes, please!".

- a. do you like                      b. would you like

2. Steve: "What sort of music \_\_\_\_?". Andy: "Dance music".

- a. do you like                      b. would like

3. Jana: "\_\_\_\_ a banana?" Nick: "No, thanks I'm not hungry".

- a. would you like                      b. do you like

4. Liz: "\_\_\_\_ bananas?" Paul: "Yes, I love them!".

- a. would you like                      b. do you like

5. Tony: "do you play tennis?" Mike: "Yes, I do". Tony: "\_\_\_\_ to play a game now?" Mike: "Yeah, sure!"

- a. do you like                      b. would you like

6. I'm hot and thirsty. \_\_\_\_ a cold drink.

- a. I'd like                              b. I like

7. I'm tired. \_\_\_\_ to go to bed now.

- a. I'd like                              b. I like

8. "\_\_\_\_\_ an apple, please!".

a. I'd like

b. I like

9. \_\_\_\_\_ apples. They're my favorite fruit.

a. I like

b. I'd like

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Italy for a holiday next year.

a. like

b. would like

**Exercise 2.** Form sentences with "would like to" and one of the verbs from the list below.

go

have

make

see

talk

visit

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ would like to go \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ would like to make \_\_\_\_\_ a pizza.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to go \_\_\_\_\_ to a restaurant.

4. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ would like to see \_\_\_\_\_ the film.

5. They \_\_\_\_\_ would like to visit \_\_\_\_\_ London.

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ would like talk \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

**GRAMMAR - The past tense of "be".**

**Affirmative/ negative**

Singular

I  
He } was/wasn't at school yesterday.  
She }

Plural

We  
You } were/weren't at home.  
They }

Example: There was a concert last night.

Example: There were movies last weekend.

**Questions**

Singular

Was I ...? }  
Was He ...? } Yes, I was/ No, I wasn't  
Was She ...? } He He  
Was it ...? } She She  
                  } it it

Plural

Were we ...? }  
Were you ...? } Yes, we was/ No, we wasn't  
were they ...? } you you  
                          } they they

There was/ there were

Affirmative

There is (present) – there was (past).

Example: There was a concert last night.

Negative

There isn't (present)- there wasn't

There are (present) – there were (past)

Example: There were two movies last weekend

WH- questions

Where

When + was/were + subject + complement

Who

Example: Where were you last night?

Example: When was she in Italy?

Example: Who was at the party yesterday?

**Exercise 3.** Complete with the Past Simple of "be".

1. A: Where were Paul and Jackie last night?

B: I don't know, but they were here.

2. A: was she at school yesterday?

B: No. She wasnt at home.

3. A: When was you in Italy? Last year?

B: Last year? No, we were in Italy last year.

4. A: What time was the movie?

B: It was at 7:00.

5. A: were your parents at home at 10:00 last night?

B: No. They werent at a play.

6. A: Who was at work on Monday?

B: Barry and Anne were. But I wasnt.

**Exercise 4.** Fill in the blanks with “was” or “were”.

1. We \_\_\_were\_\_\_ the champions last year.
2. Where is James? He \_\_\_was\_\_\_ here just now.
3. Mom and Dad \_\_\_were\_\_\_ on vacation last week.
4. The weather \_\_\_was\_\_\_ fine this morning.
5. There \_\_\_were\_\_\_ a lot of people at our party yesterday.
6. There \_\_\_were\_\_\_ a small lake here many years ago.
7. He \_\_\_was\_\_\_ sick yesterday.

## GRAMMAR - The Past Simple tense

- We use the Past Simple to talk about completed actions or situations that took place at a specific time in the past.

Example: I visited Berlin last week.

Example: Andrew watched TV yesterday.

- Sometimes the speaker may not mention the specific time, but they do have a specific time in mind.

Example: When I went to Japan I enjoyed it a lot.

### Regular verbs

#### Affirmative

I  
You  
He  
She  
It  
We  
You  
They

liked the movie

#### Negative

didn't like the concert.

#### Questions

I  
you  
he  
it  
we  
you  
they

Did she like the movie? Yes, she did.  
No, she didn't.

### Spelling changes

- Regular verbs add -ed to the base form.

Example: watch- watched

- If the base form ends in "e", just add -d.

Example: like- liked

- If the base form ends in a consonant + "y", add -ied.

Example: study- studied

- If the base form ends in a vowel + "y", add -ed.

Example: play- played

- If the base form ends in a consonant after a stressed vowel at the end of the word, double the consonant and add -ed.

Example: stop- stopped

## Irregular verbs

Some verbs have an irregular form for the Past Simple. There is no rule for these verbs. You should learn them by heart.

Here are some examples.

| Base Form | Past Simple | Base Form | Past Simple | Base Form | Past Simple |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| buy       | → bought    | eat       | → ate       | read      | → read      |
| come      | → came      | get       | → got       | say       | → said      |
| cut       | → cut       | go        | → went      | see       | → saw       |
| do        | → did       | have      | → had       | take      | → took      |
| drink     | → drank     | make      | → made      | think     | → thought   |
| drive     | → drove     | put       | → put       | write     | → wrote     |

For more irregular verbs see page 44.

**Exercise 5.** Complete the conversations with the Simple Past tense.

1. A: Where did your family go (your family / go) on Saturday?

B: \_\_\_\_\_ we went \_\_\_\_\_ (we / go) to the movies \_\_\_\_\_ we saw \_\_\_\_\_ (we / see) a good family movie.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you go \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) out to eat afterwards?

B: Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_ ate \_\_\_\_\_ (we / eat) Indonesian food. \_\_\_\_\_ it has \_\_\_\_\_ (it / have) a lot of pepper.

A: But I thought your husband didn't like (I / think) (your husband / not like) peppery food.

B: Actually, \_\_\_\_\_ he ate \_\_\_\_\_ (he / eat) a little and \_\_\_\_\_ he said \_\_\_\_\_ (he / say) it was good.

2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ who took \_\_\_\_\_ (who / take) out the garbage this morning?

B: Actually, \_\_\_\_\_ Laura did \_\_\_\_\_ (Laura / do).

A: And \_\_\_\_\_ who did \_\_\_\_\_ (who / do) the laundry?

B: I'm not sure. But I think \_\_\_\_\_ Laura did \_\_\_\_\_ (Laura / do) the laundry this morning, too.

A: That's great, but \_\_\_\_\_ did you \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) any household chores?

B: Me? Last week \_\_\_\_\_ I did \_\_\_\_\_ (I / do) all the chores:

\_\_\_\_\_ I went \_\_\_\_\_ (I / go) shopping, and \_\_\_\_\_ I came \_\_\_\_\_ (I / come) home

early, and \_\_\_\_\_ I made \_\_\_\_\_ (I / make) dinner every night.

**Exercise 6.** Fill in the blanks with the correct Past Simple tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. She \_\_\_\_went\_\_\_\_ home alone. (go)
2. The wind \_\_\_\_blew\_\_\_\_ throughout the night. (blow)
3. An apple \_\_\_\_dropt\_\_\_\_ o his head. (drop).
4. The princess' ball \_\_\_\_roll\_\_\_\_ into the well. (roll)
5. A frog \_\_\_\_jumpt\_\_\_\_ into the well and \_\_\_\_brang\_\_\_\_ it back to her. (jump / bring).
6. Jack \_\_\_\_got\_\_\_\_ the highest grade in his English class. (get)
7. The party \_\_\_\_began\_\_\_\_ at 8:00 P.M. (begin)
8. He \_\_\_\_sellet\_\_\_\_ his old car and \_\_\_\_boughth\_\_\_\_ a new one. (sell/ buy)
9. Jackie \_\_\_\_clamb\_\_\_\_ up the ladder carefully. (climb)
10. Who \_\_\_\_close\_\_\_\_ all the windows? (close)