

Past simple: question form

Write short answers to the following points in the bubbles below. You can write your answers in any bubble you want, but not in the same order as the questions.

- a place in your country you went to last year
- someone you talked to on the phone last week
- something you liked or hated doing when you were a child
- something you bought last month
- the town or city you lived in ten years ago
- a place you went on holiday to when you were a child
- someone you were friends with at primary school
- a present you gave to someone in your family last year
- something you did last month that you enjoyed
- someone you went on holiday with last year or the year before

The form consists of 12 empty thought bubbles arranged in a 4x3 grid. Each bubble is a large oval with a small circle at the top, resembling a thought bubble. The bubbles are intended for students to write their answers to the questions listed above.

Instructions

You will need: one copy of the worksheet per student

- Pre-teach the following items of vocabulary: *primary school, give presents*
- Give a copy of the worksheet to each student and check they understand the instructions. Make sure they write their answers in random order and encourage them to answer as many questions as possible. They should write single words, names or short phrases, not complete sentences.
- Put students into pairs and tell them to swap worksheets with their partner. Students take it in turns to ask *Yes/No* questions beginning with *Did you ...?* to find out why their partner has written the words in the bubbles at the bottom of the worksheet. For example, if Student A has written *Pedro*, Student B can ask: *Did you go on holiday with Pedro last year? / Did you talk to him on the phone last week?* Students can refer back to the prompts if necessary.
- Encourage students to ask follow-up questions for each point if possible. For example, for *a place in your country you went to last year*, students could ask: *Did you enjoy it? What did you do there? Where did you stay?*
- At the end of the activity, students report back to the class on the most interesting things they found out about their partner.