

### Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

### Focus

Past simple affirmative sentences

### Aim

To make true past simple affirmative sentences using time expressions and verbs.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of four and cut the cards out as indicated. Separate the cards into two piles (time expression cards and verb cards).

### Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

Here is a past simple game to help students practice forming past simple affirmative sentences.

### Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Explain that the students are going to practice making true past simple affirmative sentences about themselves.

Give each group a set of time expression cards and verb cards. Have the students shuffle the two sets separately.

Tell the groups to put the time expression cards face down in a pile on the desk and deal out the verb cards equally. Each player should have six verb cards.

Players take it in turns to turn over a time expression card from the pile and then make a true past simple affirmative sentence using one of the verbs on their cards and the time expression.

If the player constructs a believable past simple sentence, which is agreed on by the other students to be true, the player discards the verb card.

If the other students think the sentence can't be true or it's grammatically incorrect, the player keeps the card.

Students can also challenge the player if the sentence is grammatically incorrect or the wrong verb form is used, in which case the player also has to keep the card.

The first player to get rid of all their verb cards wins.

If all the time expression cards get used up, they can be turned over and used again.

## Time expression cards



|                |                     |                |                   |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| an hour ago    | this morning        | yesterday      | last night        |
| last week      | two weeks ago       | last year      | two days ago      |
| last Saturday  | last Sunday         | in 2013        | a week ago        |
| when I was six | yesterday afternoon | when I was ten | yesterday evening |
| five years ago | last summer         | a month ago    | in 2012           |
| last winter    | a long time ago     | ten years ago  | last month        |

## Verb cards



|           |       |       |        |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| be        | have  | go    | take   |
| get       | do    | leave | start  |
| see       | buy   | live  | finish |
| listen to | watch | meet  | learn  |
| choose    | feel  | keep  | wear   |
| think     | clean | know  | like   |