

Simple Past Story 1

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Who were they? Where did they go? What happened?

One autumn evening, Charles and Beth went to the theater. They attended a play. The play started at 7:00. Charles and Beth enjoyed the theater.

After the play, Charles and Beth walked together in the park. They walked beside the lake. The moon was bright. They talked about their future.

When Charles and Beth went home, their children were not asleep. They waited for Charles and Beth to return. They were excited to hear about the theater!

Charles told the children about the play. Then, Beth put the children to bed. Charles and Beth were very tired. It was a good night!

Simple Past Story 1 – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Past tense.

1. What did Charles and Beth attend? What time did it start?

2. What did Charles and Beth do after they left the theater? What did they talk about?

3. Who waited for Charles and Beth to return home? What did Beth do?

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Amanda washed the dishes.”

Negative: Amanda did not wash the dishes.

Yes/No Question: Did Amanda wash the dishes?

WH-Question: Who washed the dishes?

Tag Question: Amanda washed the dishes, didn't she?

1. The moon was bright.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. They talked about their future.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. Charles told the children about the play.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

C. This is a copy of the original story. Go over it and fill in the blanks with the right words from the box below.

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Charles told the _____ about the play. Then, Beth put the children to bed. Charles and Beth _____ very tired. It was a good night!

Simple Past Story 1 – Answers

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Past tense.

1. What did Charles and Beth attend? What time did it start?

Charles and Beth attended the theater. The play started at 7:00.

2. What did Charles and Beth do after they left the theater? What did they talk about?

After they left the theater, Charles and Beth walked around the lake. They talked about their future.

3. Who waited for Charles and Beth to return home? What did Beth do?

Their children waited for them to return home. Beth put the children to bed.

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

1. The moon was bright.

Negative: The moon was not bright.

Yes/No Question: Was the moon bright?

WH-Question: What was bright?

Tag Question: The moon was bright, wasn't it?

2. They talked about their future.

Negative: They did not talk about their future.

Yes/No Question: Did they talk about their future?

WH-Question: What did they talk about?

Tag Question: They talked about their future, didn't they?

3. Charles told the children about the play.

Negative: Charles did not tell the children about the play.

Yes/No Question: Did Charles tell the children about the play?

WH-Question: Who told the children about the play?

Tag Question: Charles told the children about the play, didn't he?

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