

Simple Past Story 4

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Who were they? What did they do? What happened?

On Saturday, the Jenson family shopped for a Christmas tree. They got in the car. They drove to the tree farm. Mr. and Mrs. Jenson walked around the tree farm with their kids.

The Jenson family looked at all the trees. They looked at tall trees and short trees. They looked at fat trees and skinny trees. They looked at every tree on the farm. They wanted the perfect tree.

The Jenson kids finally found the perfect tree. It wasn't too tall or too short. It wasn't too fat or too skinny. The tree was exactly what they wanted. It was the perfect Christmas tree!

Simple Past Story 4 – Exercises

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

1. What did the Jenson family do on Saturday? Where did they go?

2. What kind of trees did the Jenson family look at? What kind of tree did they want?

3. What did the Jenson kids finally find? Why was it the right tree?

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. They drove to the tree farm.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

2. They wanted the perfect tree.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

Tag Question: _____

3. The tree was exactly what they wanted.

Negative: _____

Yes/No Question: _____

WH-Question: _____

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C. This is a copy of the original story without any capital letters. Rewrite the story using correct capitalization.

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Simple Past Story 4 – Answers

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1. What did the Jenson family do on Saturday? Where did they go?

On Saturday, the Jenson family shopped for a Christmas tree. They went to the tree farm.

2. What kind of trees did the Jenson family look at? What kind of tree did they want?

The Jenson family looked at all the trees. They looked at tall, short, skinny, and fat trees. They wanted the perfect tree.

3. What did the Jenson kids finally find? Why was it the right tree?

The Jenson kids finally found the perfect tree. It was the right tree because it wasn't too tall, too short, too skinny, or too fat.

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

1. They drove to the tree farm.

Negative: They didn't drive to the tree farm.

Yes/No Question: Did they drive to the tree farm?

WH-Question: Who drove to the tree farm?

Tag Question: They drove to the tree farm, didn't they?

2. They wanted the perfect tree.

Negative: They didn't want the perfect tree.

Yes/No Question: Did they want the perfect tree?

WH-Question: What did they want?

Tag Question: They wanted the perfect tree, didn't they?

3. The tree was exactly what they wanted.

Negative: The tree was not exactly what they wanted.

Yes/No Question: Was the tree exactly what they wanted?

WH-Question: What was exactly what they wanted?

Tag Question: The tree was exactly what they wanted, wasn't it?

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