

Simple Past:

OUTCOMES

- . Use regular and irregular verbs in the simple past
- Ask and answer yes/no questions in the simple past
- · Complete sentences about a reading
- · Identify true and false statements about a conversation
- · Talk about the lives of famous people
- · Interview your classmates about what they did
- · Write a paragraph about a famous person who helped others

STEP 1

GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

BEFORE YOU READ

VOCABULARY Study the words. Then complete the sentences with the words.







take care of



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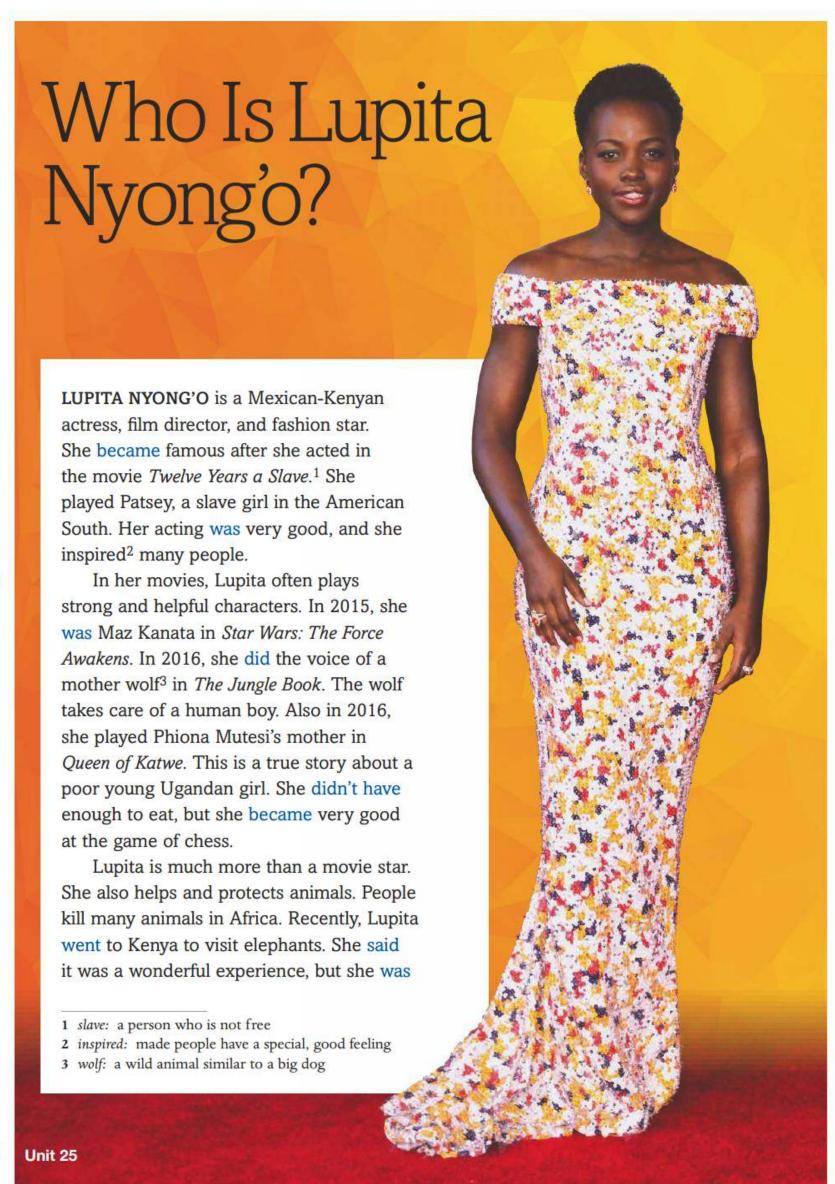
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- 1. Nurses ______ sick people in hospitals.
- 2. People ______ when they play characters in movies or plays.
- 3. Parents ______ their children when they ride in cars.
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.





Read the article.



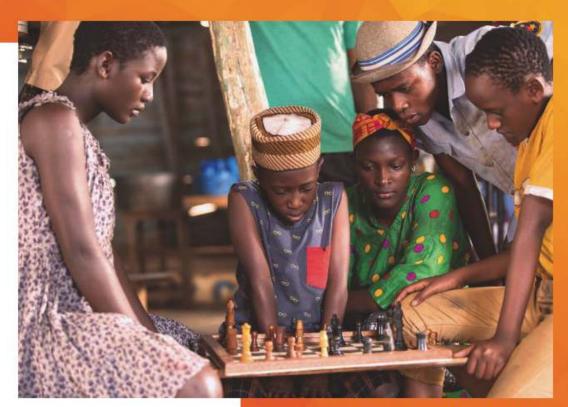
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sad when she saw
many baby elephants
with no mothers.
Lupita wants
everyone to help her
save elephants and
other animals.

Lupita also helps girls and women around the world. Recently, Lupita became a member of Mother Health International. This

organization helps poor mothers and their children in Africa.

Lupita Nyong'o's film career is important. But she also protects animals and helps girls, women, and babies. That work is even more important.



A scene from Queen of Katwe



AFTER YOU READ

- 1. Lupita Nyong'o became famous after she was in the movie ____.
 - a. Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- **b.** Twelve Years a Slave
- **2.** The movie *Queen of Katwe* is about _____.
 - a. a mother wolf

- **b.** a chess player
- 3. In Kenya, Lupita visited _____.
 - a. elephants

- b. girls
- 4. Elephants are in danger from _____.
 - a. other animals
- **b.** people
- 5. Mother Health International is an organization for _____.
 - a. all mothers

- b. poor mothers
- B Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

SIMPLE PAST STATEMENTS (IRREGULAR VERBS)

Statements		
Affirmative	Negative	
He ate bread. They got married in June.	He did not eat regular meals. They didn't get married in July.	
You had time to help.	You didn't have time to help.	
She drank water.	She didn't drink coffee.	
She went to Kenya.	She didn't go to Egypt.	

SIMPLE PAST YES/NO QUESTIONS

Yes/No Questions			
Did	Subject	Base Form	
Did	I	wake	you up?
	you	take care of	the kids yesterday?
	he	help	his grandfather?
	it	rain	last night?
	we	eat	all the cookies?
	they	cook	for the hungry people?

Affirmative	Negative
Yes, you did .	No, you didn't.
Yes, I did . Yes, we did .	No, I didn't. No, we didn't.
Yes, he did .	No, he didn't.
Yes, it did .	No, it didn't.
Yes, we did.	No, we didn't.
Yes, they did.	No, they didn't

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GRAMMAR NOTES

1 Irregular Verbs

Irregular verbs have different forms in the simple past.

Here are several common irregular verbs and their past forms.

become → became

do → did

grow → grew

· say → said

see → saw

send → sent

sit → sat

take → took

• win → won

write → wrote

Jaime became a teacher.

I did a lot of work yesterday.

She grew up in China.

He said he was hungry.

We saw that movie.

They **sent** us a letter.

Maria sat down.

We took a vacation last summer.

Our team won the game.

My grandfather wrote many books.

Remember that the simple past forms of *be* are *was*, *wasn't*, *were*, and *weren't*. (See Unit 7.)

She was born in Mexico. She wasn't born in Kenya. We were born in Canada. We weren't born in Italy.

2 Negative Forms of Simple Past Verbs

To make **negative sentences** with both regular and irregular verbs in the simple past, use *did not* + the **base form** of the verb.

He did not eat much.

Use the contraction *didn't* + the **base form** in conversation and informal writing.

He didn't eat much.

form of the verb. Use the base form.

He didn't have breakfast.

NOT He didn't had breakfast.

3 Yes/No Questions and Short Answers in the Simple Past

To make *yes/no* **questions** in the simple past, use *did* + the **subject** + the **base form** of the verb.

Did you stop for lunch? Did she eat anything?

You can use *did* or *didn't* in the short answer to a question in the simple past. You can also use just the word *yes* or *no*.

A: Did it rain?

B: Yes, it did. or Yes.

No, it didn't. or No.

PRONUNCIATION NOTE

Simple Past Questions with Did

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• /d/ + a /y / soundDid you get up late today? (/di d y u / di d y u /

REFERENCE NOTES

For **definitions of grammar terms**, see the Glossary on page 375.

For information on **regular verbs in the simple past**, see Unit 24 on page 275.

For information on simple past wh- questions, see Unit 26 on page 298.

For a list of irregular verbs and their simple past forms, see Appendix 19 on page 373.

STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

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EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR						
ABLA: Wow! I'm really hungry. Let's go have lunch. I didn't have breakfast.						
J0M0: Why? Did you get up late?						
ABLA: Yeah, I got up at 8:15. I just drank a glass of orange juice.						
J0M0: Did you stay up late last night?						
ABLA: Yes, I did.						
JOMO: Why?						
ABLA: Well, first I babysat for my neighbor. Then I bought some medicine for						
my grandmother.						
J0M0: Did you write your paper for drama class?						
ABLA: Yeah. I wrote it on Lupita Nyong'o.						
J0M0: Oh, no! You, too?						
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B Read the conversation in A again. For each statement, check (✓) True or False.						
15	True False					
1. It is time for breakfast now.						
2. Abla got up early.						
3. Abla had some orange juice after she got up.						
4. Abla went to bed late last night.						
5. Abla babysat for her grandmother.						
6. Abla helped her grandmother last night.						
7. Abla didn't do her paper for drama class.						
8. Jomo wrote his drama paper on Lupita Nyong'o.						

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