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# *Elementary 2*

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**1** Complete the questions with *did*, *was*, or *were*.

1 Where were your parents born?

2 Where \_\_\_\_\_ you live when you \_\_\_\_\_ a child?

3 \_\_\_\_\_ you live in a house or an apartment?

4 When \_\_\_\_\_ you start school?

5 Who \_\_\_\_\_ your first teacher?

6 Who \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend?

7 When \_\_\_\_\_ you learn to read and write?

8 When \_\_\_\_\_ you get your first cell phone?

- Ask the previous questions to your partners.
- Your partners will answer the questions.

## Pronunciation




**4** **CD2 26** Listen to three different pronunciations of *-ed*.

/t/ worked

/d/ lived

/ɪd/ started

- 5 **CD2 27** Listen and write the Simple Past verbs in the chart. Then practice saying them. 

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/

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**Tell us about an interesting childhood experience or any experience from the past.**

- What happened?
- Where were you?
- Who were you with?
- What did you do?

# BEN'S UPS AND DOWNS

## Irregular verbs

- 1 Write the Simple Past of these verbs. (There is a list of irregular verbs on p. 152.) Test your partner.

be was/were

begin \_\_\_\_\_

can \_\_\_\_\_

catch \_\_\_\_\_

come \_\_\_\_\_

get \_\_\_\_\_

give \_\_\_\_\_

go \_\_\_\_\_

have \_\_\_\_\_

leave \_\_\_\_\_

lose \_\_\_\_\_

make \_\_\_\_\_

meet \_\_\_\_\_

send \_\_\_\_\_

take \_\_\_\_\_

win \_\_\_\_\_

write \_\_\_\_\_

## Quiz (irregular verbs of past simple)

- [For students —  
Enter a Quizizz  
Code](#)
- Get
- Teach
- Feel
- See
- Wear
- Hear

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- Wake
  - Take
  - Swam
  - Eat
  - spoke
  - lose



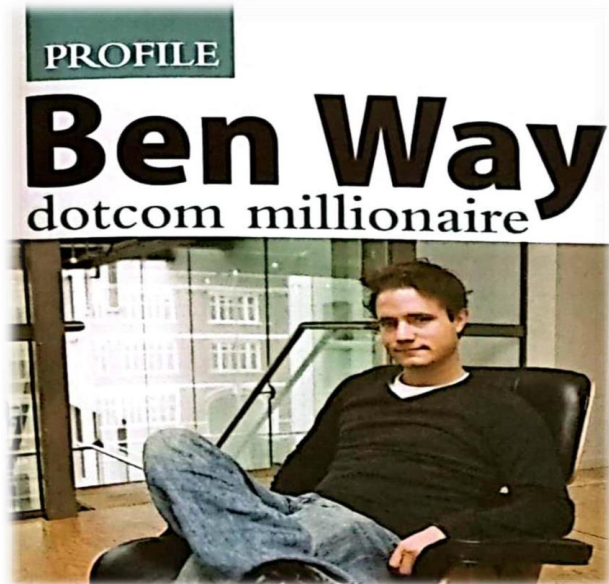
2 Read about Ben Way. What were his ups and downs?



## Ben Way

He made his first million at 17. He was one of the first dotcom millionaires. Then he lost it all ... And now he's a millionaire again. How did he do it?

Read and complete the profile of Ben with the verbs in the past simple.



Year	Ben's Life
1980	He <sup>1</sup> <u>was</u> (be) born on September 28, 1980. He <sup>2</sup> _____ (go) to school in a small village. He was dyslexic, he <sup>3</sup> _____ (can not) read and write.
1989	When he was nine, his father <sup>4</sup> _____ (give) him a computer. He <sup>5</sup> _____ (take) his computer everywhere with him.
1991	At 11, he <sup>6</sup> _____ (write) his first software program.
1995	When he was 15, he <sup>7</sup> _____ (begin) his own computer company.
1996	He <sup>8</sup> _____ (leave) school at 16.
1997	At 17, he <sup>9</sup> _____ (make) his first £1 million.
1999	At 19, he <sup>10</sup> _____ (have) £18.5 million.
2000	At 20, he <sup>11</sup> _____ (win) "Young Entrepreneur of the Year."
2001	When he was 21, he <sup>12</sup> _____ (lose) everything.
2002 —NOW	<b>BUT THEN</b> – at 22, he started a new company called "Rainmakers" and he became a millionaire all over again!

**Listen to an interview with Ben.  
What else do you learn about him?**



**5** Make the questions. Ask and answer them with a partner.

- 1 What/Ben's parents do?
- 2 Where/he go to school?
- 3 Why/he have problems at school?
- 4 What/his dad give him in 1989?
- 5 Who/he help with their computers?
- 6 Why/he leave school at 16?
- 7 When/he win "Young Entrepreneur of the Year"?
- 8 Why/he lose his money?

What did Ben's parents do?

His father was a .

**1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the Simple Past.**

- 1 My granddad was (be) born in 1932. He \_\_\_\_\_ (die) in 2009.
- 2 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) in Los Angeles in 1983. They \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married in 1985.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late for the lesson. It \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) at 2 o'clock.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the bus to school today. It \_\_\_\_\_ (take) just 40 minutes.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a very busy morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) 30 emails before 10 o'clock.
- 6 Our soccer team \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the game 3-0. Your team \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) again.
- 7 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) a lot of money at his last job, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) because he \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) Chinese for four years, but when I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Shanghai, I \_\_\_\_\_ (can not) understand a word.

Listen to  
check







<https://en.islcollective.com/video-lessons/simple-past-irregular-verbs-carl-ellie>

## Talking about you

**2** Make true sentences about you using an affirmative or negative.

- 1 watch TV yesterday
- 2 get up early this morning
- 3 have coffee and toast for breakfast
- 4 come to school by car yesterday
- 5 play computer games on Friday evening
- 6 send a text just before this lesson
- 7 meet some friends last night
- 8 go shopping yesterday

*I watched/didn't watch TV yesterday.*

Compare answers with a partner.

**3** Work with your partner. Ask and answer questions with *When did you last ... ?* and the time expressions. Ask another question to get more information.

- take a vacation
- watch a movie at home
- go to the movies
- talk on your cell phone
- send an email
- catch a bus
- give a present
- have dinner at a restaurant

**yesterday ...**

morning afternoon evening

**last ...**

night week weekend

Monday month year

~~X last afternoon~~ ~~X last evening~~

**▶▶ Grammar Reference 6.4 p. 134**

**4** Tell the class some things you learned about your partner.

*Mina took a vacation last August and she went to Costa Rica.*



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Thanks

See you next  
time