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# My past

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## UNIT FOCUS

GRAMMAR: past simple regular and irregular

VOCABULARY: music; food; life events; clothes and shopping

FUNCTIONS: talking about likes and dislikes; talking about life events; saying *thank you* and *sorry*

## Lesson 1 Me at 15

**You first!**

What do you like 👍? What don't you like 👎?



## VOCABULARY

### Music; Food (1)

1. 🎧 3.2 🗣️ Match these words with the photos. Then listen, check, and repeat.

classical music   country music   heavy metal   jazz   pop   rap

2. 🎧 3.3 Match the foods with the pictures. Then listen, check, and repeat.

bread   fish   fruit   meat   salad   vegetables



3. How often do you eat the food in Exercise 2? Ask and answer questions.

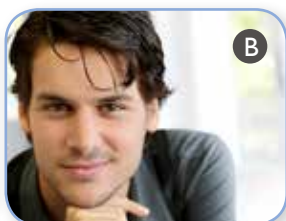
How often do you eat vegetables?

Every day.

4. Test your partner. Say a name. Your partner says the type of music.

## LISTENING 1

5. 🎧 3.4 **GUESS** This is Max. How old is he in each photo? What's his job now? Listen and check.



6. 🎧 3.5 Listen. What were Max's favorite things when he was 15?

music   pop   heavy metal  
jazz and classical music   food   fruit  
salad   meat   fish   bread

I think he's 16 in photo A...

## GRAMMAR 1

7. Complete the table.

PAST SIMPLE: REGULAR	
affirmative	verb + -ed / -d (all pronouns)
	We <b>want</b> __ to be rock stars.
	My sister <b>lik</b> __ pop.
negative	didn't + verb (all pronouns)
	I ____ <b>like</b> fruit.
	I <b>didn't want</b> to eat meat.

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8. 3.6 Complete the sentences about Max and his family. Then listen and check.

When Max was 15, ...

... he \_\_\_\_\_ heavy metal.

... his parents \_\_\_\_\_ to jazz.

... his sister \_\_\_\_\_ pop.

... his family didn't \_\_\_\_\_ his music.

... he \_\_\_\_\_ salad.

... he \_\_\_\_\_ eat fish.

9. 3.7 Take turns to say the past simple affirmative of these verbs. How many syllables are there? Listen and check.

love want like listen play decide watch hate

love

loved

– one

want

wanted

– two

10. Think about when you were 15. Complete the sentences. Include three false things.

I liked / loved (music/bands/food/sports)

I didn't like / hated

I wanted to be a ...

11. Work with a partner. Read your sentences. Do they believe you?

## LISTENING 2

12. 3.8 Listen to Gina asking Max some questions. Number Gina's questions in order.

☐ have a girlfriend ☐ play sports ☐ marry Angie ☒ like school ☐ have a TV ☐ study every evening

## GRAMMAR 2

### PAST SIMPLE QUESTIONS

Did you like school? Yes, I **did**. / No, I **didn't**.

What sports **did** you play? I **played** football.

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## SPEAKING

14. Interview another student. Tell the class about his / her answers.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

When you were 15, did you: ☒ = yes ☒ = no

like school? ☐ ☐

study every evening? ☐ ☐

play in a band? ☐ ☐

play sports? ☐ ☐

have a TV in your room? ☐ ☐

have a boyfriend / girlfriend? ☐ ☐

dance? ☐ ☐

13. Complete Gina's questions and Max's answers.

1. GINA Did you \_\_\_\_\_ every evening?

MAX No, I \_\_\_\_\_.

2. GINA \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a TV in your room?

MAX No, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. GINA \_\_\_\_\_ a girlfriend?

MAX Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. GINA \_\_\_\_\_ did you \_\_\_\_\_ Angie?

MAX Yes, I did! That's her.

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## Lesson 2 Life in a different order

1. \_\_\_\_\_ born

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to school / college

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your first boyfriend / girlfriend

4. \_\_\_\_\_ work

5. \_\_\_\_\_ to drive

6. \_\_\_\_\_ a degree

7. \_\_\_\_\_ married

8. \_\_\_\_\_ children

### VOCABULARY Life events

1. 3.9 Complete the phrases above with these verbs. Then listen, check and repeat.

go learn start get (x2) meet have be

2. Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the life events in Exercise 1.

When and where were you born?

I was born in 1990, in Rio.

### READING

- 3 **THINK** Read about Sheila. Complete her timeline with the correct dates.



My name's Sheila Monroe. I was born in 1975, in Chicago. I'm now in my forties. I didn't like school very much. I stopped after high school, and I started work. I was a sales assistant, then a waitress, and then I worked in an office. That's where I met my first boyfriend, Nathan. I was 20 years old, and it was love at first sight! We got married in 1996. In '97, I had my first two children

– twins! That was a big surprise! I had my son two years later. I looked after the family, and I worked part-time for the next twelve years. Then I wanted to do something different. I'm interested in the past, so I decided to do a history course. I went back to school, and I got my college degree in 2014. All the other students were 22 – I was 39. But I got it!

was born	left school	met Nathan	got married	had twins	had a son	went back to school	got her degree
<b>1975</b>			<b>1996</b>				<b>2014</b>



## GRAMMAR

### PAST SIMPLE IRREGULAR

REGULAR (all pronouns)	I <b>worked</b> in an office.
IRREGULAR (all pronouns)	I <b>met</b> my first boyfriend.

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4. Find the past simple of these verbs in the article in Exercise 3. Are they regular or irregular?

be was / were    leave \_\_\_\_\_    work \_\_\_\_\_    meet \_\_\_\_\_    start \_\_\_\_\_    get \_\_\_\_\_  
have \_\_\_\_\_    look \_\_\_\_\_    want \_\_\_\_\_    decide \_\_\_\_\_    go \_\_\_\_\_

5. 🧠 Cover the timeline in Exercise 3. What did Sheila do in each of these years?

1975    1991    1995    1996    1997    1999    2011    2014

6. 🔊 3.10 Match verbs in A with irregular pasts in B.

A    become    buy    give    put    take    see    wear    send

B    bought    sent    wore    saw    became    gave    took    put

7. Complete the article with the past simple of the verbs.

**EDYTHE KIRCHMAIER** <sup>1.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in Ohio in 1908.

In 2013, at the age of 105, she became the oldest person on Facebook. Her

family <sup>2.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) her a computer when she <sup>3.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

(be) 95. She <sup>4.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) interested in networking, but

she <sup>5.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not use) Facebook for just news and

photos. She <sup>6.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (put) information about a

charity, Direct Relief, on her Facebook page. Direct Relief

is very important to Edythe. She <sup>7.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (start)

working for them more than 40 years ago. Edythe

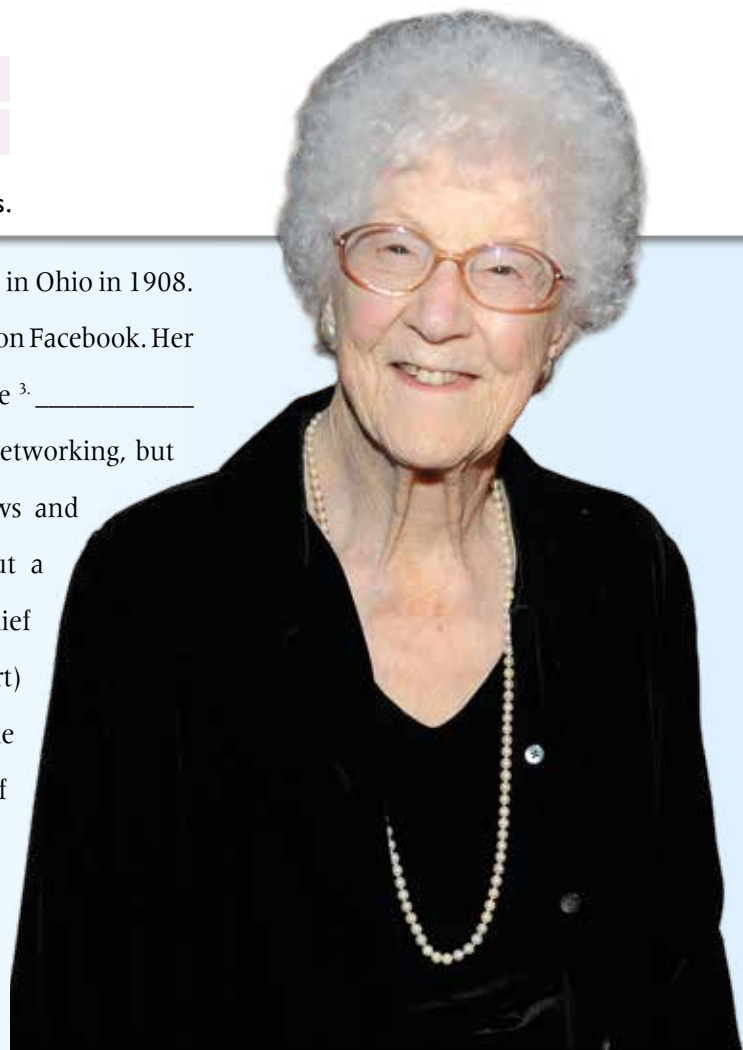
isn't interested only in the Internet. At the age of

105, she <sup>8.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) her driving test! She

first <sup>9.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to drive in 1927. She

<sup>10.</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to take another test because

of her age ... and she passed!



## SPEAKING AND WRITING

8. Work in pairs. **STUDENT A: Look at page 90.**

**STUDENT B: Look at page 92.**

9. Ask questions to complete your partner's timeline.

When did you leave school?

I left school in 2011.

10. Write six sentences about a friend / relative. Use the verbs from 4.

My grandmother was born in ...

★ **Did you know?** In the US, children start school at the age of five. They finish between 16 and 18. They can drive at 16 and vote at 18, but they can't drink alcohol until 21.

## CLOTHES AND SHOPPING



1. 🧐 How many words for color can you remember?
2. 🎧 3.11 Find these things in the photos. Then listen and repeat.

a pair of	jeans / boots / sneakers / pants / shoes
a	top / dress / skirt

3. 🎧 3.12 Match the questions and answers. Then listen and check.

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> When did you last buy some clothes? | a) They liked it.  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> What did you buy?                   | b) A new top.      |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> What color was it?                  | c) About \$30.     |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Where did you buy it?               | d) Two weeks ago.  |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> How much did you pay?               | e) Online.         |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> What did your friends say?          | f) Blue and green. |

- 4 Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 3. Tell the class about your partner.

Mikel bought a pair of jeans last week. ...

5. **THINK** What's in your closet? Ask and answer the questions in groups.

- How many things are there in your closet?
- What percentage do you wear?
- What do you do with your old clothes / things you don't wear?
- What's the thing you wear most
- What thing do you hate most in your closet?