Simple Past test - English grammar exercises

1. Simple Past long form or short form: Fill in the correct form.

Yesterday it ________ (to be) my friend’s birthday. He ________ (to invite) a lot of friends from school. It ________ (to be) very hot so we ________ (to decide) to go to the swimming pool. The swimming pool ________ (not to be) full so we ________ (to swim) a lot. Suddenly Joe ________ (to fall) and ________ (to hurt) himself. We ________ (to call) an ambulance. He ________ (not to stay) in hospital but he ________ (to have) a broken arm.


1. Peter ________ for Emily’s ticket. (to pay)
2. We ________ in the park this morning. (to be)
3. He ________ his friend in 2013. (to visit)
4. The bird ________ high in the sky. (to fly)
5. She ________ 14 last year. (not to be)
6. We ________ in the park this morning. (to be)
7. The Olympic Games ________ last month. (not to finish)


1. They asked many questions last time.
   ____________________________________________________________?
2. She talked to David a week ago.
   ____________________________________________________________?
3. You went to school this morning.
   ____________________________________________________________?
4. They planned the holiday to France.
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