

English Verbs: Past Simple Exercises

Exercise 1. Complete the following table using the Past Simple forms.

Regular Verbs		Irregular Verbs	
Infinitive	Past Simple	Infinitive	Past Simple
to look		to be	
to form		to do	
to walk		to have	
to kiss		to see	
to play		to go	
to work		to make	
to show		to take	
to live		to buy	
to date		to begin	
to execute		to come	
to die		to drink	
to accumulate		to eat	
to create		to fall	
to owe		to feel	
to stop		to find	
to commit		to get	
to travel		to give	
to pot		to know	
to beg		to speak	
to bat		to lend	
to try		to meet	
to marry		to pay	
to bury		to read	
to copy		to think	
to clarify		to run	
to deny		to say	
to call		to send	
to rain		to sit	
to visit		to write	

Exercise 2. Form positive sentences using the Past Simple.

1. she / me / about America / **tell** *She told me about America*
2. they / us / **call** _____
3. she / sad / **be** _____
4. it / a lot / **rain** _____
5. you / the castle / **visit** _____
6. we / in the park / **wait** _____
7. he / a computer / **buy** _____
8. we / to her / an apple / **give** _____
9. they / bored / **be** _____
10. the plan / well / **go** _____

Exercise 3. Form negative sentences using the Past Simple.

1. Mary / in a musical / **dance** *Mary didn't dance in a musical*
2. they / to the radio / **listen** _____
3. he / happy / **be** _____
4. she / her bike / **ride** _____
5. she / to school / **walk** _____
6. I / a Ferrari / **see** _____
7. I / bread / **buy** _____
8. you / a song / **sing** _____
9. they / late / **be** _____
10. it / a long time / **take** _____

Exercise 4. Form Y/N questions using the Past Simple.

1. you / the box / **carry** *Did you carry the box* ?
2. they / a mountain / **climb** _____ ?
3. he / angry / **be** _____ ?
4. he / to Florida / **go** _____ ?
5. you / late / **arrive** _____ ?
6. you / bread / **buy** _____ ?
7. she / a song / **sing** _____ ?
8. you / the house / **see** _____ ?
9. they / rich / **be** _____ ?
10. you / well / **plan** _____ ?

Exercise 5. Form W/H questions using the Past Simple.

1. you / the box / where / **take** _____ *Where did you take the box* _____ ?
2. they / the mountain / why / **climb** _____ ?
3. he / angry / why / **be** _____ ?
4. he / last year / where / **go** _____ ?
5. you / when / **arrive** _____ ?
6. you / yesterday / who / **see** _____ ?
7. you / whose book / **find** _____ ?
8. yesterday / they / how / **be** _____ ?
9. you / which team / **choose** _____ ?
10. you / last weekend / what / **do** _____ ?

Exercise 6. Complete using the “past simple” form of the verbs given.

A: Hi, Mary. I didn't see (see/not) you at school on Monday.

B: Hello, Bob. I _____ (go/not) to school on Monday. I _____ (be/not) well, so I _____ (decide) to go to the doctor.

A: Oh! Was (be) it serious?

B: No, the doctor _____ (examine) me and _____ (tell) me that I _____ (have) the flu. He _____ (give) me some medicine and he _____ (say) to go home and rest.

A: _____ you _____ (stay) at home all day?

B: No, only in the morning. I _____ (have) to work in the afternoon. But when a friend _____ (take) me home, he _____ (crash) his car. He _____ (see/not) a red light.

A: _____ (be) anybody hurt?

B: No, nobody!

A: Good! I have to go now. Have a good weekend. Bye!

B: You too. Bye.

Exercise 7. Complete using the “past simple” form of the verbs given.

1. I (eat) _____ dinner at six o'clock yesterday.
2. A: _____ Helen (drive) _____ to work today?
B: Yes, she _____.
3. My neighbor (buy) _____ a new car last week.
4. They (go) _____ to Germany last summer.
5. A: _____ they (swim) _____ at the beach on Sunday?
B: No, they _____.
6. My dog (be) _____ very sick last week.
7. My family and I (see) _____ a great comedy movie last night.
8. First, we (do) _____ exercise, and then we (drink) _____ some water.
9. Suddenly, the animal (jump) _____ and (bite) _____ my hand.
10. A: When you (be) _____ a child, (be) _____ you happy?
B: Yes, I (be) _____.
11. A: What time _____ you (get up) _____ this morning?
B: I (get up) _____ at 6am.
12. The Wright brothers (fly) _____ the first airplane.
13. I think that I (hear) _____ a noise outside.
14. When I (be) _____ ten years old, I (break) _____ my arm.
15. Last week I (be/not) _____ at work, because I (be) _____ sick.
16. The police (catch) _____ the bank robbers last week.
17. A: _____ you (finish) _____ that book yesterday?
B: No, I _____.
18. Unfortunately, I (forget) _____ to bring some money.

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