

Simple Past 1

Introduction

This worksheet practices the Simple Past tense in affirmative and negative sentences as well as forming questions.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size) the two page worksheet as many times as you need for the amount of students you have.

In the Lesson

Provide each student with a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, the students will complete exercise 1, 2 and 3. Check for understanding and teach any new vocabulary words. In exercise 4, students will make questions using the simple past tense and then write short yes/no answers. Be sure they answer in full sentences. For exercise 5, students read a short text and fill-in the blanks with the correct simple past form of the given verbs. Remember to make sure they get the irregular verbs right.

Exercise 1 answer key

1. walked 5. had
2. went 6. played
3. studied 7. took
4. saw 8. stopped

Exercise 2 answer key

1. watched / didn't read
2. traveled / didn't visit
3. ate / didn't like
4. bought / didn't drive
5. went / didn't sleep

Exercise 3 answer key

1. went 4. took
2. didn't play 5. wrote
3. were

Exercise 4 answer key

1. Did you visit your grandparents last weekend?
Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
2. Did Anne see the new movie?
Yes, she did. / No, she didn't.
3. Did Shawn and Miles have a big party?
Yes, they did. / No, they didn't.
4. Did Nathan go to work yesterday?
Yes, he did. / No, he didn't.
5. Did we play soccer in the park?
Yes, we did. / No, we didn't.

Exercise 5 answer key

went, was, played, sat
decided, chose, picked,
visited, cooked, talked,
watched, felt, went, was

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Using the Simple Past tense.	Use the Simple Past tense in affirmative and negative sentences	A2	35 minutes



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The simple past tense is used to talk about completed actions in the past.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple form of the regular and irregular verbs in parentheses.

e.g. You **talked** (talk) to our manager last week.

1. She _____ (walk) to school yesterday.
2. We _____ (go) to the beach last weekend.
3. He _____ (study) for his exam last night.
4. They _____ (see) a great movie on Saturday.
5. I _____ (have) breakfast at 8 AM.
6. She _____ (play) tennis in the afternoon.
7. He _____ (take) a taxi to work.
8. We _____ (stop) at a café for coffee.



2 Complete the sentences with the correct simple past form of the verb in parentheses. Use positive or negative sentences.

e.g. You **walked** (walk) to work yesterday, but you **didn't walk** (not walk) today.

1. I _____ (watch) TV, but I _____ (not read) a book.
2. They _____ (travel) to Spain, but they _____ (not visit) France.
3. She _____ (eat) pizza for dinner, but she _____ (not like) it.
4. We _____ (buy) a new car, but we _____ (not drive) it yet.
5. He _____ (go) to bed early, but he _____ (not sleep) well.

3 Each sentence below has a mistake. Find and correct it.

e.g. Mary ~~sleep~~ all day on Sunday. -> **slept**

1. She goed to the store yesterday. _____
2. They doesn't played football last night. _____
3. We was in London last summer. _____
4. He take a bus to school this morning. _____
5. I writed an email to my teacher. _____

4 Write Yes/No questions using the simple past tense. Then give short answers.

example: Does she play soccer on weekends? Yes, she does./No, she doesn't.

1. (you / visit / your grandparents last weekend?)

Yes, _____ No, _____

2. (Anne / see / the new movie?)

Yes, _____ No, _____

3. (Shawn and Miles / have / a big party?)

Yes, _____ No, _____

4. (Nathan / go / to work yesterday?)

Yes, _____ No, _____

5. (we / play / soccer in the park?)

Yes, _____ No, _____

5 Complete the story using the correct simple past form of the verbs.

Yesterday was a great day! My friend and I (**go**) _____ to the park in the morning. The weather (**be**) _____ sunny and warm. We (**play**) _____ soccer for an hour and then (**sit**) _____ on a bench to rest. After that, we (**decide**) _____ to get some ice cream. I (**choose**) _____ chocolate, and my friend (**pick**) _____ vanilla. In the afternoon, we (**visit**) _____ my grandmother. She (**cook**) _____ a delicious lunch for us. We (**talk**) _____ for a long time and (**watch**) _____ a funny movie together. At night, I (**feel**) _____ very tired, so I (**go**) _____ to bed early. It (**be**) _____ a perfect day!