# SIMPLE PAST

**Review exercise**: change the following verbs to the SIMPLE PAST. Note: There are regular and irregular verbs.

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|  |  | **Simple Form** |  | **Simple Past** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1.** |  | meet |  | met |
|  |  |  |  | drove |
| **2.** |  | drive |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** |  | speak |  | spoke |
|  |  |  |  | put |
| **4.** |  | put |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** |  | write |  | wrote |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **6.** |  | sing |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | did  sang |
| **7.** |  | do |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **8.** |  | sit |  | sat |
|  |  |  |  | stood |
| **9.** |  | stand |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **10.** |  | run |  | ran |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **11.** |  | dance |  | danced |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **12.** |  | eat |  | ate |
|  |  |  |  | talked |
| **13.** |  | talk |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **14.** |  | drink |  | drank |
|  |  |  |  | walked |
| **15.** |  | walk |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **16.** |  | need |  | needed |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **17.** |  | see |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | saw |
| **18.** |  | go |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | asked  went |
| **19.** |  | ask |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | was |
| **20.** |  | be |  |  |

## Michael Jackson

Known as “The King of Pop” **Michael Jackson** was one of the top singers in the history of music. He was born in Gary, Indiana on August 29th, 1958. His parents, **Joseph Walter Jackson** and **Katherine Esther Scruse** were Jehovah’s witnesses and had a difficult marriage which affected Michael’s childhood. He had 3 sisters and 4 brothers with whom he formed the group the **Jackson five.** The musical group formed by the male members of the family, except from his father, reached success due to the artists’ voices, especially Michael’s.

Michael started his solo career in 1971, but he reached popularity after he

appeared in the musical **The Wizard of Oz.** Although the film was not the expected success**,** the musical director **Quincy Jones** was the one who gave Jackson a push to start doing the most amazing things in music.

Michael’s real success began in 1982 with his album Thriller, the most sold in music history that led him to be recognized all around the world. Other famous albums are: *Off the wall*, *Bad, Dangerous* and *History: Past, Present and Future, Book I.*

Michael Jackson has the record of the artist with the most donations to charities with hundreds of millions, as well as the record for the most awarded artist with more than 400 awards.

In 1993 and 2003 Michael Jackson was involved in sexual abuse accusations that were finally revoked due to lack of evidence.

He was married first to Lisa Marie Presley then to a nurse named Debbie Rowe with whom he had two children and years later a third son from a surrogate mother, a woman who was paid to carry his child.

Michael Jackson died on June 25Th, 2009 in a rented mansion in Bell Air. The cause was the abuse of medication prescribed by his private doctor who was found guilty and sentenced to 4 years of prison.

### Read the article about Michael Jackson and write True, False or No information

* 1. Michael Jackson went to the Jehovah’s Witness temple. ...........F............
  2. All the members of the family formed The Jackson Five. ...........F............
  3. Michael Jackson started his career as a soloist in 1971. ...........T............
  4. Michael Jackson received more than 400 Grammy awards. ...........T............
  5. Debbie Rowe was Michael’s first wife. ...........F............
  6. Debbie Rowe worked in a hospital when she met Michael ...........NI............
  7. Michael has a private doctor who prescribed some medicine**.** ..........T.............

### Read the information about Michael Jackson again and choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word.

1.- …except from his father, ***reached*** success due to the artists’ voices…

a) took b) obtained c) avoided

1. Michael started his ***solo*** career in 197.

a) Group b) abandoned c) independent

1. …. were finally revoked due to ***lack*** of evidence.

a) absence b) excess c) informality

1. … ***surrogate*** mother, a woman who was paid to carry his child.

a) real b) substitute c) false

1. … the abuse of medication ***prescribed*** by his private doctor…

a) given b) bought c) consumed

**Group work.** Get together with your classmates and choose a famous person to talk about. Then write: personal information and achievements about her/him and present it to the class.

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(Honolulu, August 1, 1979) is an American actor, voice actor, writer, producer and director. He began his acting career after lying about being a professional model, which earned him a role on the series Baywatch, which he debuted in 1999 and starred in for two seasons. Later, he gained popularity playing Ronon Dex on the Stargate Atlantis television series from 2004 to 2009.

In 2011, he continued to gain fame by playing Khal Drogo on the Game of Thrones series for its first two seasons. Later, he would be selected to play Aquaman in the DC Extended Universe, beginning with a cameo in Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016), and later as part of the cast in Justice League (2017) and as a lead in Aquaman (2018). On the other hand, he also starred in the series Frontier and See.