

WORKSHEET 7

SUBJECT: Simple Past Tense

A) Fill in the blanks With a verb from the box in the SIMPLE PAST:

1. She **made** a cake an hour ago.
2. She **swam** in the sea last week.
3. The boy **wrote** a letter yesterday.
4. They **swam** in the sea for an hour.
5. They **drank** a lot of Coke last night.
6. She **broke** her arm last week.
7. He **lost** all his money last week.
8. She **had** a bath two minutes ago.
9. He **lost** his wallet last night.
10. She **sat** on the old chair a minute ago.
11. She **washed** the clothes yesterday.

B) Fill in the blanks With the SIMPLE PAST Of the verbs in brackets:

Last Saturday my father **took** (take) my friends and me to the circus. We **saw** (see) lots of things. My father **bought** (buy) us some popcorn and orange juice. We **ate** (eat) the popcorn and **drank** (drink) the orange juice. We **laughed** (laugh) at the funny clowns. There **was** (be) a lion-tamer. The lions **did** (do) tricks; they **jumped** (jump) through hoops. A girl **rode** (ride) an elephant around the ring. We all **had** (have) a wonderful time.

C) Write What Jean DID or DIDN'T do yesterday:

Jean **didn't go shopping** yesterday.

Jean **cleaned the house** yesterday.

Jean **fed the cat** yesterday.

Jean **didn't telephone Mary** yesterday.

Jean **didn't watch a film on TV** yesterday.

Jean **visited her grandparents** yesterday.

Jean **took them a cake** yesterday.

D) Fill in the blanks With the PAST form Of the verbs:

Benjamin Franklin **was born** (be born) in Boston in 1706. He **was** (be) the fifteenth of the seventeen children of a poor candle maker. He **went** (go) to school only one year. He **began** (begin) to work when he was twelve. At the age of fourteen he **decided** (decide) to be a writer. He copied (copy) the great stories of famous writers and later he **became** (become) the best known writer in his time. When he **was** (be) seventeen, he **left** (leave) Boston and **arrived** (arrive) in Philadelphia with only a few pennies in his pocket. He got (get) a job as a publisher of a newspaper and **became** (become) rich from business at a very rich man at forty-two. Then he **retired** (retire) and **spent** (spend) the next forty years for his government. He **played** (play) an important role in the founding of the USA. Franklin **was** (be) also an important scientist and inventor. He **drew** (draw) electricity from a cloud on a kite string. He **wrote** (write) one of the first text books on electricity. He **invented** (invent) a simple lightning rod and many other practical tools. He **made** (make) a study of water and **discovered** (discover) many principles of hydrodynamics. He even **invented** (invent) bifocal glasses when he was seventy-eight and **needed** (need) them himself. Franklin did (do) all these things and many more because he **believed** (believe) he **could** (can).

E) Read the following story

Bob is a young sailor. He lives in England, but he is often away with his ship. One summer he comes back from a long voyage and finds new neighbors near his mother's house. They have a pretty daughter, and Bob soon loves her and he wants to marry her when he comes back. Bob promises the girl to send a present from every port. Bob's first port is Capetown in Africa, and he sends the girl a parrot from there. The parrot speaks three languages. When Bob's ship reaches Australia, a letter comes from the girl. The letter says, "Thank you for the parrot, Bob. It tasted much better than a chicken."

a) Write the Story again. THE SIMPLE PAST:

Bob **was** a young sailor. He **lived** in England, but he **was** often away with his ship. One summer he **came** back from a long voyage and **found** new neighbors near his mother's house. They **had** a pretty daughter, and Bob soon **loved** her and he **wanted** to marry her when he **came** back. Bob **promised** the girl to send a present from every port. Bob's first port **was** Capetown in Africa, and he **sent** the girl a parrot from there. The parrot **spoke** three languages. When Bob's ship **reached** Australia, a letter **came** from the girl. The letter **said**, "Thank you for the parrot, Bob. It **tasted** much better than a chicken."

b) Answer the questions about the story:

1. What was Bob?

He **was** a young sailor.

2. What change did he find when he was back home?

He **found** new neighbors near his mother's house.

3. How was their daughter?

She **was** pretty.

4. How did Bob feel about the girl?

He **loved** her and wanted to marry her.

5. What did Bob tell the girl?

He **promised** to send a present from every port.

6. What did Bob send the girl from Capetown?

He **sent** a parrot.