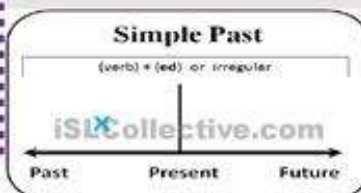


PRACTICE EXERCISE FOR THE PAST SIMPLE TENSE

- 1) Yesterday, I went shopping and bought a lovely gift for my Mum because it was her birthday.
- 2) My teacher told me that my test results were excellent.
- 3) For breakfast, I ate a piece of toast and I had a cup of tea.
- 4) Last week, a supply teacher taught the class. She gave us a lesson about photosynthesis.
- 5) Last Monday my friend and I went to the park to play. My friend threw the ball to me and I caught it.
- 6) In Art class, I like to use fine pencils. In last week's lesson, I drew a great picture and my teacher gave me a grade A.
- 7) My friend lost her watch and had to use her phone to tell the time. Luckily, someone found it and now she has got it back.
- 8) When I was a bit short of money, I went to the jewellery shop and I sold my gold ring. The jeweller gave me £25 for it.
- 9) I went to the cinema yesterday and I saw a great film.
- 10) The policeman arrested the criminal because he stole my friend's car. didn't listen
- 11) I when the teacher tell me to be quiet, but I kept on talking! Then, she gave me a detention!
- 12) We took my friend out to dinner for his birthday and we sang 'Happy Birthday' to him.
- 13) Yesterday, I had a birthday party. My friends gave me some lovely presents and later, we went to a disco.
- 14) In music class we played guitar and sang some Beatles songs.
- 15) My dad drove me into town in his car and I met my friends. We had a pizza and watched film.
- 16) I wrote a book and I sent it to a publisher's but they didn't publish it.
- 17) Last year, we flew to Greece for our holidays, but the journey was stressful. This year, we are taking the train!
- 18) The tragedy of the Titanic makes me very sad. Many people drowned, but most of them froze to death because of the icy temperature of the Atlantic Ocean.
- 19) I took my bag and my books out, then I put them on my desk, I picked up my pen and started to write.
- 20) This morning, I wake up really early and I baked a cake because it was my husband's birthday. We had a lovely party.
- 21) The nurse held the patient's hand and said 'There, there, you will be all right.'
- 22) The teacher asked Jack if he was tired and he said that he was. She told him to go to bed earlier!

Go	--	went
Tell	--	told
Sing	--	sang
Eat	--	ate
Buy	--	bought
Throw	--	threw
steal	--	stole
Take	--	took
Find	--	found
hear	--	heard
Keep	--	kept
Catch	--	caught
Draw	--	drew
Give	--	gave
Begin	--	began
Lose	--	lost
Drink	--	drank
Sell	--	sold
Get	--	got
Write	--	wrote
Ask	--	asked
See	--	saw
Open	--	opened
Play	--	played
Drive	--	drove
Have	--	had
Bake	--	baked
Freeze	--	froze
Fly	--	flew
Sent	--	sent
Put	--	put
Reply	--	replied
Pat	--	patted
Say	--	said



Past Simple Tense Exercises

1) Complete the sentences with the SIMPLE PAST of the verbs in parentheses:

- a) They watched (watch) TV last night.
- b) Priscila talked (talk) to her friends all day.
- c) I had (have) a terrible headache yesterday.
- d) Bob came (come) home from school late.
- e) They arrived (arrive) late and missed (miss) the bus.
- f) She studied (study) hard and passed (pass) the exam.
- g) He called (call) the office to tell them he was sick.
- h) I spoke (speak) to the director as he was leaving the room.
- i) Dr. Johnson got up (get up) early this morning.
- j) Mary did (do) her homework and went (go) to school.
- k) Chris found (find) a ten-dollar bill.
- l) The dog followed (follow) us down the road.
- m) Those students worked (work) hard last semester.
- n) Lúcio stopped (stop) at the corner and called (call) us.
- o) I tried (try) to talk to Helen last night.
- p) I paid (pay) the phone bill yesterday.
- q) My dad caught (catch) a cold when he was (be) in Canada.
- r) She left (leave) home early yesterday.
- s) They knew (know) each other very well when they were (be) kids.
- t) The teacher brought (bring) the exams corrected.
- u) She was cleaning the vase when she dropped (drop) it.
- v) We jogged (jog) in the park yesterday.
- w) The fire occured (occur) while we were (be) out.
- x) I met (meet) some nice people at the party last weekend.
- y) Carol slept (sleep) until late on the weekend. Then, she went (go) out to lunch.
- z) We flew (fly) to the USA on a great airplane.

2) Write questions or negatives sentences:

- a) She visited her parents last weekend.

Simple Past Tense

Q. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the bracket to form correct past tense:

brought

1. The family photos _____ (bring) back some wonderful memories.

forgave

2. I _____ (forgive) her a long time ago

became

3. He _____ (become) a philosopher.

chose

4. I _____ (choose) a science book from the bookcase.

came

5. He _____ (come) to Paris in his infancy.

drew

6. I _____ (draw) the city in silhouette.

ate

7. The kid _____ (eat) a large bowlful of cereal.

was

8. Rome _____ (is) not built in a day.

flew

9. The plane _____ (fly) from Paris to New York City.

drank

10. I _____ (drink) soda and ate popcorn.

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Fill in the blanks with the verb in brackets.

- 1.- Janet the 8 o'clock train. (catch) caught
- 2.- She Philosophy at the university ten years ago. (study) studied
- 3.- The teacher his car very fast. (drive) drove
- 4.- Nora and her sister Sonia a lot of money on the lottery. (win) won
- 5.- Your cat badly yesterday. (behave) behaved
- 6.- Her grandmother to the supermarket. (go) went
- 7.- Philip lunch at the restaurant. (have) had
- 8.- We the manager's instructions. (follow) followed
- 9.- They are still in bed because they a lot of beer last night. (drink) drank
- 10.- It heavily last Monday morning. (rain) rained
- 11.- Daniel French at the local school. (teach) taught
- 12.- Anne a lot pictures in the garden. (take) took
- 13.- Carmela some romantic novels. (write) wrote
- 14.- The boy to get the last bus. (run) ran
- 15.- A famous chef another restaurant in town. (open) opened
- 16.- The nurse to the patients slowly. (talk) talked
- 17.- Mathilde her dad in the garden. (help) helped
- 18.- Some children the last exam. (fail) failed
- 19.- Laurita sometimes money from my purse. (steal) stole
- 20.- The English gentlemen a black hat. (wear) wore

