

FOOTBALL / SOCCER: PAST SIMPLE PRACTICE

1 HOW TO FORM THE PAST SIMPLE

Study the tables below.

Positive statements		
I	wanted	water.
You	looked	up.
He	used	the pen.
She	worked	all night.
It	watched	television.
We	called	home.
They	helped	the man.

Negative statements		
I		want water.
You		look up.
He	did not	use the pen. all
She It	(didn't)	work night.
We		watch television.
They		call home.
		help the man.

Questions		
	I	want water?
	you	look up?
	he	use the pen? all
Did	she	work night?
	it	watch television?
	we	call home?
	they	help the man?

2 IDENTIFY THE VERBS

Match the verbs from the box to the relevant images.

pass	shoot	dribble	tackle	save	head
score	foul	substitute	lose	draw	win



1. _____ save _____



2. _____ win _____



3. _____ score _____



4. _____ dribble _____



5. _____ tackle _____



6. _____ lose _____



7. _____ shoot _____



8. _____ draw _____



9. _____ pass _____



10. _____ head _____



11. _____ foul _____



12. _____ substitute _____

3 CREATE THE REGULAR PAST SIMPLE VERB

Study the regular verbs (fi-fi5), then create the past tense version.

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. pass | a. <u>pass</u> |
| 2. shoot | b. <u>shot</u> |
| 3. dribble | c. <u>dribbled</u> |
| 4. tackle | d. <u>tackled</u> |
| 5. save | e. <u>saved</u> |
| 6. head | f. <u>headed</u> |
| 7. score | g. <u>scored</u> |
| 8. foul | h. <u>fouled</u> |
| 9. equalise | i. <u>equalised</u> |
| 10. lose | j. <u>lost</u> |
| 11. draw | k. <u>drawn</u> |
| 12. win | l. <u>won</u> |
| 13. substitute | m. <u>substituted</u> |
| 14. kick off | n. <u>kicked off</u> |
| 15. send off | o. <u>sended off</u> |

4 FIX THE MISTAKES

Can you identify and correct the mistakes in the sentences below?

Be careful, not all sentences contain mistakes.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He pass the ball to his friend. 2. She shooted from outside the box. 3. The player dribled past the defenders. 4. He tackled the opponent to get the ball. 5. The goalkeeper save the shot. 6. He heading the ball during the game. 7. She score three goals in the match last week. 8. He fouled the player and got a yellow card. 9. The coach substitute the tired player. 10. They losed the game yesterday. 11. Manchester United drawed against Barcelona. 12. They winned the championship last week. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.He passes the ball to his friend. 2.She shot from outside the box. 3.The player dribbled past the defenders. 4.He tackled the opponent to get the ball. 5.The goalkeeper saved the shot. 6.He headed the ball during the game. 7.She scored three goals in the match last week. 8.He fouled the player and got a yellow card. 9.The coach substituted the tired player. 10.They lost the game yesterday. 11.Manchester United drew against Barcelona. 12.They won the championship last week. |
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5 ARGENTINA VS BRAZIL

Task 1: Complete the dialogue below using the words from the box.

fouled

saved

tackled

substituted

Jude: Did you see Argentina vs Brazil last night?

Phil: Yes, I did! The goalkeeper was amazing. He saved a lot of shots!

Jude: I know! And did you see Messi dribble past three defenders?

Phil: Yes, he was about to score, but then Casimero fouled him.

Jude: The referee had to give a yellow card for that foul.

Phil: Yes. After that, they substituted Messi. I hope he's not injured badly.

Jude: Fernandez played well, especially when he tackled Neymar.

Phil: Yes, he played well. The game was so intense.

Jude: In the end, it was a draw, right?

Phil: Yes, 2-2. Both teams played well, but no one could win.

Task 2: Answer the following comprehension questions:

- What did the goalkeeper do? The goalkeeper saved a lot of shots.
- What did Messi do? Messi dribbled past three defenders.
- What did Casimero do? Casimero fouled Messi.
- What did Fernandez do? Fernandez tackled Neymar.
- What was the result? The game was a 2-2 draw.

Task 3: Complete the following tasks:

- Find all the past tense verbs in the dialogue.
- Retell the story to a classmate.
- Describe the last football match you watched.

6 CREATE QUESTIONS

Task 1: Complete the questions used to discuss football, using the words in the box.

shoot

save

pass

tackle

dribble

1. Who did you _____ pass _____ the ball to?
2. Did you _____ shoot _____ from outside the penalty area?
3. How many players did you _____ dribble _____ past?
4. Who did you _____ tackle _____ during the match?
5. Did the goalkeeper _____ save _____ the penalty?

Task 2: Complete the questions used to discuss football, using the words in the box.

scored

head

substitute

win

fouled

6. How high did you jump to _____ head _____ the ball?
7. Who _____ scored _____ the first goal?
8. Did you get a red card because you _____ fouled _____ the opponent?
9. Who did the coach _____ substitute _____ at halftime?
10. Did Real Madrid _____ win _____ yesterday?

Task 3: Create a list of your own questions using the verbs from the box below.

pass

shoot

dribble

tackle

save

head

score

foul

substitute

lose

draw

win

- Did you **pass** the ball to the right player?
- How many goals did your team **score**?
- Did the player **shoot** from a good position?
- Did the referee give a card for that **foul**?
- How did you **dribble** past all those defenders?
- Who did the coach **substitute** in the second half?
- Did the defender **tackle** the opponent cleanly?
- Why did your team **lose** the game?
- Did the goalkeeper **save** the last shot?
- How often do you **head** the ball during a game?
- Did the match **draw** at the end?
- Did your team **win** the championship?

7 CREATE QUESTIONS

Task 1: Study the situations below, then create three questions to ask each person using the past tense. The first one has been done for you.



You are interviewing a retired footballer.

1. How many goals did you score?
2. How did you feel when you scored your first goal?
3. Why did you decide to retire from football?



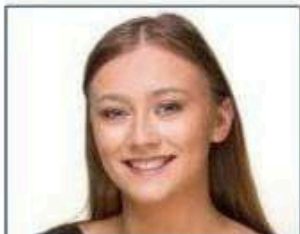
John played football in the park yesterday.

1. _____ How long did you play? _____
2. _____ Did you win or lose the game? _____
3. _____ Did you score any goals? _____



Dan's favourite player is injured.

1. _____ How did your favorite player get injured? _____
2. _____ When did the injury happen? _____
3. _____ Did he play well before the injury? _____



Sarah watched Real Madrid vs. Barcelona last night.

1. _____ Did you enjoy the match? _____
2. _____ What was the final score? _____
3. _____ Who was the best player of the match? _____

Task 2: Pretend to be the people, then answer each of the questions you created.

Respondiendo como John:

- How long did you play?
 - I played for about two hours.
- Did you win or lose the game?
 - We won the game 3-1.
- Did you score any goals?
 - Yes, I scored one goal.

Respondiendo como Dan:

- How did your favorite player get injured?
 - He got injured during a tackle in the last match.
- When did the injury happen?
 - It happened in the first half of the game.
- Did he play well before the injury?
 - Yes, he was playing really well and even scored a goal.

Respondiendo como Sarah:

- Did you enjoy the match?
 - Yes, I really enjoyed it. It was very exciting.
- What was the final score?
 - The final score was 2-1 to Real Madrid.
- Who was the best player of the match?
 - I think Vinicius Jr. was the best player. He was amazing.

8 QUESTION TIME

Task: Think about the last football match you played, then answer the questions.

Note; if the student has not played a game recently, ask them to think about the last football match their favourite footballer played.

a. Who did you **pass** the ball to during the match?

I passed the ball to my friend, Juan, most of the time.

b. Did you have a chance to **shoot** on goal? Did you **score** a goal?

Yes, I had a chance to shoot, but I missed. Unfortunately, I didn't score.

c. How many opponents did you **dribble** past during the match?

I managed to dribble past two opponents.

d. Did you successfully **tackle** an opponent?

Yes, I successfully tackled an opponent to get the ball back.

e. Did the goalkeeper **save** a lot of shots?

Yes, our goalkeeper was amazing and saved at least five shots.

f. How many times did you **head** the ball?

I headed the ball three times during the game.

g. Did you **foul** anyone?

No, I didn't foul anyone. I tried to play a clean game.

h. Did your team **win**, **lose**, or **draw** the match?

My team won the match 2-0.

i. Was anyone **substituted** during the match?

Yes, our striker was substituted because he was tired.

HOMework

1 WRITING PRACTICE

Use the past tense forms of the words in the box to create sentences or a story. Try to use all the words and have fun!

pass	shoot	dribble	tackle	save	head
score	foul	equalise	lose	draw	win

"Yesterday, my team played a great match. My teammate passed the ball to me, and I dribbled past two defenders. I shot the ball, but the goalkeeper saved it. Later, the other team fouled one of our players, and we scored a penalty. They quickly equalised, and the game became very intense. A defender tackled their best player, but it was a clean play. In the end, we won the game with a late goal that one of our players headed into the net. We didn't lose and we didn't draw."

2 FOOTBALL: THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Task 1: Read the following text.

Football is a popular sport played all around the world. It is known as 'the beautiful game.' People from many countries love to watch and play football. Football is played on a large field, called a pitch, with goals on each end. Two teams, each with eleven players, try to score goals by kicking a ball into the other team's goal.

The game starts with a kick-off from the centre of the pitch. Players pass the ball to each other by kicking it. They can also use their heads to hit the ball. However, they are not allowed to use their hands, except for the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper can use his or her hands to stop the ball from going into the goal.

There are many famous football players. Some of the most famous are Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Neymar. They played for big clubs like Barcelona, Juventus, and Paris Saint-Germain. Fans love to watch them play because they are very skillful and score many goals.

Football matches are very exciting. Fans sing songs and cheer for their teams. Sometimes, the matches can be very close. Often, the match is decided by just one goal. The team with the most goals at the end of the match wins. If both teams have the same number of goals, it is a draw.

Football is not only a sport but also a way to bring people together. It teaches teamwork, discipline, and respect. Many young people dream of becoming professional football players one day. They practise a lot to become good at the sport.

People enjoy football because it is fun and exciting. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, anyone can play football. It's a great way to stay active and make friends. Football is truly a game for everyone.

Task 2: Write detailed answers to the following questions.

1. What is another name for football in many countries?
In many countries, football is known as 'the beautiful game'.
2. How many players are there on each football team?
There are eleven players on each football team.
3. What can players use to pass the ball to each other?
Players can pass the ball by kicking it. They can also use their heads to hit the ball.
4. Who is allowed to use their hands during a football match?
The goalkeeper is the only one who is allowed to use their hands.
5. Name three famous football players mentioned in the text.
Three famous players mentioned are Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Neymar.
6. How is the winner of a football match determined?
The team with the most goals at the end of the match wins.
7. Besides being a sport, what else does football teach?
Besides being a sport, football teaches teamwork, discipline, and respect.
8. Why do people enjoy playing football, according to the text?
According to the text, people enjoy playing football because it is fun and exciting.
It's also a great way to stay active and make friends.