Grammar Example

The simple past tense is used for completed actions in the past.

Question 1 Jim went to the store yesterday.

Solution

Hint: This action is complete.

Hint: This action occurred yesterday.

Hint: Yesterday is in the past.

What tense is the verb in this sentence?past

Question 2 Bart ate a sandwich for lunch.

Solution What tense is the verb in this sentence?

- (a) simple past ✓
- (b) simple present
- (c) simple future
- (d) present perfect
- (e) past progressive

Hint: Lunch in complete.

Hint: Lunch is in the past.

Learning outcomes: Distinguish between simple past tense and other tenses.