



Exercise 14

Review of the Simple Past Tense

Name _____

Date _____

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in parentheses in simple past tense.

When Abby (be) _____⁽¹⁾ seven years old, she (do, not, like) _____
_____⁽²⁾ piano lessons. She (do, not, like) _____⁽³⁾ to practice,
and sometimes she even (cry) _____⁽⁴⁾ when it (be) _____⁽⁵⁾ time to
practice. Finally, she (stop) _____⁽⁶⁾ taking lessons.

Some of Abby's friends (do, not, quit) _____⁽⁷⁾ their
lessons. They (continue) _____⁽⁸⁾ to play. After much practice, they
(learn) _____⁽⁹⁾ to play very well.



About ten years (pass) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ before Abby (become) _____⁽¹¹⁾ interested in
music or the piano again. After she (graduate) _____⁽¹²⁾ from high school, Abby
(decide) _____⁽¹³⁾ that she (want) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ to study music in college. She (call)
_____⁽¹⁵⁾ the lady who (teach) _____⁽¹⁶⁾ her when she (be) _____⁽¹⁷⁾ a little girl.
The lady (say) _____⁽¹⁸⁾ she would teach Abby again.

The lady (need) _____⁽¹⁹⁾ someone to help her daughter with homework. Abby
(say) _____⁽²⁰⁾ she would help with homework in exchange for lessons. Because of
this, the piano lessons (cost) _____⁽²¹⁾ her nothing!

She (work) _____⁽²²⁾ very hard to catch up. Now she is making good progress.
Soon she will go to college, majoring in music.