

The Simple Past Tense

A1 / A2 Level – Student Worksheet

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GRAMMAR EXPLANATION – The Simple Past Tense

We use the simple past to talk about **finished actions in the past**.

Regular verbs – add -ed to the base form:

Base form	Past simple	Example
work	worked	She worked late last night.
play	played	They played football yesterday.
study	studied	He studied for two hours.
like	liked	I liked the film a lot.

Irregular verbs – these do not follow a pattern. You need to learn them!

Base form	Past simple	Example
go	went	She went to the cinema last night.
have	had	We had a great time.
get	got	He got home very late.
make	made	She made dinner for everyone.
come	came	They came from Spain.
see	saw	I saw an old friend yesterday.
take	took	He took the bus to work.
feel	felt	She felt tired after the journey.
know	knew	We knew the answer.
send	sent	I sent her a message.

Negatives and questions – use did/didn't + base form:

Form	Example
Positive	She went to the party.
Negative	She didn't go to the party.
Question	Did she go to the party?
Short answer	Yes, she did. / No, she didn't.

Remember! After didn't and Did, always use the BASE form of the verb — NOT the past form.
CORRECT: She didn't go. / Did she go? WRONG: She didn't went. / Did she went?

EXERCISE 1 – True or False?

Read each sentence. Write **True** or **False**.

No.	Sentence	True / False
1.	To make the past simple of regular verbs, we add -ed to the base form.	_____
2.	"She goed to the shop yesterday." is correct.	_____
3.	"They watched a film last night." is correct.	_____
4.	We use the same form of the verb for all persons in the simple past.	_____
5.	"He didn't went to work yesterday." is correct.	_____
6.	"Did she worked late last night?" is correct.	_____
7.	"I had a great holiday last summer." is correct.	_____
8.	To make a negative in the past simple, we use didn't + past form.	_____
9.	"We made a cake for her birthday." is correct.	_____
10.	"Did they enjoyed the party?" is correct.	_____

EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

- She _____ to the cinema last Saturday.
a) goed b) went c) go
- They _____ dinner at home last night.
a) cooked b) cooking c) cook
- He _____ his keys this morning.
a) didn't found b) didn't find c) didn't finds
- _____ she enjoy the concert?
a) Did b) Does c) Was
- We _____ a great time at the party.
a) have b) had c) haved
- I _____ very tired after work yesterday.
a) was b) were c) be
- _____ they get home late last night?
a) Did b) Do c) Were
- She _____ anything for lunch today.
a) didn't ate b) didn't eat c) didn't eats
- He _____ his friend a long message.
a) sended b) sends c) sent
- We _____ a walk in the park yesterday.
a) taked b) took c) taking

EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct past simple form of the verb in brackets.

No.	Sentence
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1.	I _____ (go) to the gym yesterday morning.
2.	She _____ (not / like) the film very much.
3.	_____ (they / have) a good holiday?
4.	He _____ (make) breakfast for everyone.
5.	We _____ (not / know) about the meeting.
6.	_____ (she / come) to the party last night?
7.	I _____ (study) for three hours last night.
8.	He _____ (not / feel) well yesterday.
9.	_____ (you / see) that film last week?
10.	She _____ (get) home very late last night.

EXERCISE 4 – Matching

Match each sentence beginning (1–8) with the correct ending (a–h).

Sentence beginning	Answer	Ending
1. We went ...	_____	a) ... a great time on holiday?
2. She didn't come ...	_____	b) ... to the meeting because she was ill.
3. Did you have ...	_____	c) ... a film together last Friday night.
4. He made ...	_____	d) ... up very early to catch the train.
5. They watched ...	_____	e) ... to the beach last weekend.
6. I didn't know ...	_____	f) ... dinner for the whole family.
7. She got ...	_____	g) ... the wedding reception?
8. Did they enjoy ...	_____	h) ... about the change of plan.

EXERCISE 5 – Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence or question.

No.	Words	Your sentence
1.	yesterday / she / went / to / the / shops	_____
2.	didn't / he / to / go / work / yesterday	_____
3.	they / did / enjoy / the / concert	_____
4.	last / I / had / night / a / great / dinner	_____
5.	she / didn't / the / know / answer	_____
6.	home / did / get / late / you	_____
7.	a / we / long / walk / took	_____
8.	didn't / she / film / the / like	_____
9.	last / he / came / home / night / very / late	_____
10.	did / what / yesterday / you / do	_____

EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

No.	Incorrect sentence	Correct sentence
1.	She goed to the supermarket after work.	_____
2.	He didn't went to the party last night.	_____
3.	Did she enjoyed the film?	_____
4.	They was very tired after the journey.	_____
5.	I sended her a message this morning.	_____
6.	We didn't knew about the meeting.	_____
7.	Did he came home late last night?	_____
8.	She maked a big cake for the party.	_____
9.	He taked the bus to work yesterday.	_____
10.	They didn't enjoyed their holiday.	_____

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EXERCISE 1 – True or False? – Answers

No.	Sentence	Answer
1.	To make the past simple of regular verbs, we add -ed to the base form.	True
2.	"She goed to the shop yesterday." is correct.	False – Incorrect. 'Go' is irregular. Correct: She went to the shop.
3.	"They watched a film last night." is correct.	True
4.	We use the same form of the verb for all persons in the simple past.	True
5.	"He didn't went to work yesterday." is correct.	False – Incorrect. After didn't, use the base form. Correct: He didn't go to work yesterday.
6.	"Did she worked late last night?" is correct.	False – Incorrect. After Did, use the base form. Correct: Did she work late last night?
7.	"I had a great holiday last summer." is correct.	True
8.	To make a negative in the past simple, we use didn't + past form.	False – Incorrect. We use didn't + base form, not the past form.
9.	"We made a cake for her birthday." is correct.	True
10.	"Did they enjoyed the party?" is correct.	False – Incorrect. After Did, use the base form. Correct: Did they enjoy the party?

EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice – Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1.	She _____ to the cinema last Saturday.	b) went
2.	They _____ dinner at home last night.	a) cooked
3.	He _____ his keys this morning.	b) didn't find
4.	_____ she enjoy the concert?	a) Did
5.	We _____ a great time at the party.	b) had
6.	I _____ very tired after work yesterday.	a) was
7.	_____ they get home late last night?	a) Did
8.	She _____ anything for lunch today.	b) didn't eat
9.	He _____ his friend a long message.	c) sent
10.	We _____ a walk in the park yesterday.	b) took

EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill – Answers

No.	Sentence	Answer
1.	I _____ (go) to the gym yesterday morning.	went
2.	She _____ (not / like) the film very much.	didn't like
3.	_____ (they / have) a good holiday?	Did they have
4.	He _____ (make) breakfast for everyone.	made
5.	We _____ (not / know) about the meeting.	didn't know
6.	_____ (she / come) to the party last night?	Did she come
7.	I _____ (study) for three hours last night.	studied
8.	He _____ (not / feel) well yesterday.	didn't feel
9.	_____ (you / see) that film last week?	Did you see

10.	She _____ (get) home very late last night.	got
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EXERCISE 4 – Matching – Answers

Sentence beginning	Answer	Full sentence
1. We went ...	e	1. We went to the beach last weekend.
2. She didn't come ...	b	2. She didn't come to the meeting because she was ill.
3. Did you have ...	a	3. Did you have a great time on holiday?
4. He made ...	f	4. He made dinner for the whole family.
5. They watched ...	c	5. They watched a film together last Friday night.
6. I didn't know ...	h	6. I didn't know about the change of plan.
7. She got ...	d	7. She got up very early to catch the train.
8. Did they enjoy ...	g	8. Did they enjoy the wedding reception?

EXERCISE 5 – Word Order – Answers

No.	Words	Answer
1.	yesterday / she / went / to / the / shops	She went to the shops yesterday.
2.	didn't / he / to / go / work / yesterday	He didn't go to work yesterday.
3.	they / did / enjoy / the / concert	Did they enjoy the concert?
4.	last / I / had / night / a / great / dinner	I had a great dinner last night.
5.	she / didn't / the / know / answer	She didn't know the answer.
6.	home / did / get / late / you	Did you get home late?
7.	a / we / long / walk / took	We took a long walk.
8.	didn't / she / film / the / like	She didn't like the film.
9.	last / he / came / home / night / very / late	He came home very late last night.
10.	did / what / yesterday / you / do	What did you do yesterday?

EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction – Answers

No.	Incorrect sentence	Correct sentence
1.	She goed to the supermarket after work.	She went to the supermarket after work.
2.	He didn't went to the party last night.	He didn't go to the party last night.
3.	Did she enjoyed the film?	Did she enjoy the film?
4.	They was very tired after the journey.	They were very tired after the journey.
5.	I sended her a message this morning.	I sent her a message this morning.
6.	We didn't knew about the meeting.	We didn't know about the meeting.
7.	Did he came home late last night?	Did he come home late last night?
8.	She maked a big cake for the party.	She made a big cake for the party.
9.	He taked the bus to work yesterday.	He took the bus to work yesterday.
10.	They didn't enjoyed their holiday.	They didn't enjoy their holiday.