

# The Simple Past Tense – Practice 2

## A1 / A2 Level – Student Worksheet

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### VERB LIST – Regular & Irregular Verbs

**Regular verbs** – add -ed:

| Base form | Past simple | Example                          |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| arrive    | arrived     | They arrived late.               |
| miss      | missed      | She missed the bus.              |
| stay      | stayed      | We stayed at a hotel.            |
| stop      | stopped     | He stopped at the shop.          |
| plan      | planned     | They planned the trip carefully. |

**Irregular verbs** – learn these forms:

| Base form | Past simple | Example   |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| buy       | bought      | She bought a new bag.   |
| speak     | spoke       | He spoke to the manager.  |
| leave     | left        | We left at 8 a.m.   |
| find      | found       | I found my keys.  |
| lose      | lost        | He lost his phone.  |
| sleep     | slept       | She slept for ten hours.  |
| read      | read        | I read the whole book. (same spelling, different pronunciation) |
| meet      | met         | They met at university.   |
| eat       | ate         | He ate a big breakfast.   |
| drink     | drank       | She drank two cups of coffee.                                   |

**Remember!** After didn't and Did, always use the BASE form of the verb. CORRECT: She didn't buy / Did she buy? WRONG: She didn't bought / Did she bought?

### EXERCISE 1 – True or False?

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

| No. | Sentence  | True / False |
|-----|---|--------------|
| 1.  | "She bought a new bag yesterday." is correct.         | _____        |
| 2.  | "They arrived late to the meeting." is correct.       | _____        |
| 3.  | "He didn't spoke to anyone at the party." is correct. | _____        |
| 4.  | "Did you sleep well last night?" is correct.          | _____        |
| 5.  | "We leaved the restaurant at 9 p.m." is correct.      | _____        |
| 6.  | "She didn't eat breakfast this morning." is correct.  | _____        |
| 7.  | "Did they met at university?" is correct.             | _____        |

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| 8.  | "He lost his phone on the way home." is correct.  | _____ |
| 9.  | "I readed the whole book in one day." is correct. | _____ |
| 10. | "They didn't find the right address." is correct. | _____ |

## EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

- She \_\_\_\_\_ a new dress for the wedding.  
a) buyed   b) bought   c) buys
- He \_\_\_\_\_ very well at the interview.  
a) spoke   b) speaked   c) speaking
- They \_\_\_\_\_ the train because of the traffic.  
a) missed   b) miss   c) missen
- \_\_\_\_\_ you find the keys in the end?  
a) Did   b) Does   c) Were
- We \_\_\_\_\_ at a hotel near the city centre.  
a) stayed   b) staid   c) staying
- She \_\_\_\_\_ feel well after the long flight.  
a) didn't   b) don't   c) wasn't
- He \_\_\_\_\_ his wallet at the café.  
a) lost   b) losed   c) losing
- \_\_\_\_\_ they arrive on time for the show?  
a) Did   b) Do   c) Were
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a great book on holiday.  
a) readed   b) read   c) reading
- She \_\_\_\_\_ meet anyone she knew at the party.  
a) didn't   b) doesn't   c) hadn't

## EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill

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

| No. | Sentence   |
|-----|--|
| 1.  | She _____ (buy) a birthday present for her sister.       |
| 2.  | He _____ (not / speak) to his manager about the problem. |
| 3.  | _____ (they / sleep) well at the new hotel?              |
| 4.  | We _____ (leave) the house very early that morning.      |
| 5.  | I _____ (not / find) the information I needed.           |
| 6.  | _____ (she / miss) the beginning of the film?            |
| 7.  | He _____ (lose) his glasses somewhere in the office.     |
| 8.  | They _____ (arrive) just in time for dinner.             |
| 9.  | _____ (you / read) the instructions before starting?     |

10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / stay) long at the party.

### EXERCISE 4 – Matching

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

| Sentence beginning     | Answer | Ending   |
|------------------------|--------|--|
| 1. She bought ...      | _____  | a) ... to anyone for the rest of the evening.  |
| 2. He didn't speak ... | _____  | b) ... a comfortable hotel near the station.   |
| 3. Did they find ...   | _____  | c) ... the last bus home.                      |
| 4. We left ...         | _____  | d) ... the report before the meeting?          |
| 5. She missed ...      | _____  | e) ... just in time for the start of the show. |
| 6. He lost ...         | _____  | f) ... his keys somewhere in the apartment.    |
| 7. They arrived ...    | _____  | g) ... a beautiful coat in the sale.           |
| 8. Did you read ...    | _____  | h) ... a good solution to the problem?         |

### EXERCISE 5 – Word Order

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

| No. | Words  | Your sentence |
|-----|--|---------------|
| 1.  | she / bought / yesterday / new / a / laptop          | _____         |
| 2.  | didn't / he / speak / at / to / anyone / the / party | _____         |
| 3.  | they / did / find / hotel / a / good                 | _____         |
| 4.  | left / we / very / the / office / late               | _____         |
| 5.  | she / miss / didn't / the / train                    | _____         |
| 6.  | did / lose / you / your / phone                      | _____         |
| 7.  | arrived / they / the / at / airport / early          | _____         |
| 8.  | the / read / I / article / whole                     | _____         |
| 9.  | last / she / night / stayed / home / at              | _____         |
| 10. | find / did / you / what                              | _____         |

### EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

| No. | Incorrect sentence                          | Correct sentence |
|-----|---|------------------|
| 1.  | She buyed a new coat in the sales.          | _____            |
| 2.  | He didn't spoke to his teacher after class. | _____            |
| 3.  | Did they arrived before the guests?         | _____            |
| 4.  | We leaved the cinema before the film ended. | _____            |
| 5.  | She didn't lost her passport after all.     | _____            |
| 6.  | Did she finded the right platform?          | _____            |
| 7.  | He losted his wallet on the bus.            | _____            |
| 8.  | They didn't missed the flight.              | _____            |

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| 9.  | I readed the email three times.         | _____ |
| 10. | Did he slept well at the new apartment? | _____ |

**TEACHER ANSWER KEY – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS****EXERCISE 1 – True or False? – Answers**

| No. | Sentence  | Answer  |
|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | "She bought a new bag yesterday." is correct.         | False – Incorrect. Buy is irregular. Correct: She bought a n  |
| 2.  | "They arrived late to the meeting." is correct.       | True  |
| 3.  | "He didn't spoke to anyone at the party." is correct. | False – Incorrect. After didn't, use the base form. Correct:  |
| 4.  | "Did you sleep well last night?" is correct.          | True  |
| 5.  | "We leaved the restaurant at 9 p.m." is correct.      | False – Incorrect. Leave is irregular. Correct: We left the r |
| 6.  | "She didn't eat breakfast this morning." is correct.  | True  |
| 7.  | "Did they met at university?" is correct.             | False – Incorrect. After Did, use the base form. Correct: D   |
| 8.  | "He lost his phone on the way home." is correct.      | True  |
| 9.  | "I readed the whole book in one day." is correct.     | False – Incorrect. Read is irregular. The past form is also   |
| 10. | "They didn't find the right address." is correct.     | True  |

**EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice – Answers**

| No. | Question                                     | Answer    |
|-----|--|-----------|
| 1.  | She _____ a new dress for the wedding.       | b) bought |
| 2.  | He _____ very well at the interview.         | a) spoke  |
| 3.  | They _____ the train because of the traffic. | a) missed |
| 4.  | _____ you find the keys in the end?          | a) Did    |
| 5.  | We _____ at a hotel near the city centre.    | a) stayed |
| 6.  | She _____ feel well after the long flight.   | a) didn't |
| 7.  | He _____ his wallet at the café.             | a) lost   |
| 8.  | _____ they arrive on time for the show?      | a) Did    |
| 9.  | I _____ a great book on holiday.             | b) read   |
| 10. | She _____ meet anyone she knew at the party. | a) didn't |

**EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill – Answers**

| No. | Sentence   | Answer         |
|-----|--|----------------|
| 1.  | She _____ (buy) a birthday present for her sister.       | bought         |
| 2.  | He _____ (not / speak) to his manager about the problem. | didn't speak   |
| 3.  | _____ (they / sleep) well at the new hotel?              | Did they sleep |
| 4.  | We _____ (leave) the house very early that morning.      | left           |
| 5.  | I _____ (not / find) the information I needed.           | didn't find    |
| 6.  | _____ (she / miss) the beginning of the film?            | Did she miss   |
| 7.  | He _____ (lose) his glasses somewhere in the office.     | lost           |
| 8.  | They _____ (arrive) just in time for dinner.             | arrived        |
| 9.  | _____ (you / read) the instructions before starting?     | Did you read   |

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| 10. | She _____ (not / stay) long at the party. | didn't stay |
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### EXERCISE 4 – Matching – Answers

| Sentence beginning     | Answer | Full sentence  |
|------------------------|--------|--|
| 1. She bought ...      | g      | 1. She bought ... .. a beautiful coat in the sale.               |
| 2. He didn't speak ... | a      | 2. He didn't speak ... .. to anyone for the rest of the evening. |
| 3. Did they find ...   | h      | 3. Did they find ... .. a good solution to the problem?          |
| 4. We left ...         | b      | 4. We left ... .. a comfortable hotel near the station.          |
| 5. She missed ...      | c      | 5. She missed ... .. the last bus home.                          |
| 6. He lost ...         | f      | 6. He lost ... .. his keys somewhere in the apartment.           |
| 7. They arrived ...    | e      | 7. They arrived ... .. just in time for the start of the show.   |
| 8. Did you read ...    | d      | 8. Did you read ... .. the report before the meeting?            |

### EXERCISE 5 – Word Order – Answers

| No. | Words  | Answer                                  |
|-----|--|---|
| 1.  | she / bought / yesterday / new / a / laptop          | She bought a new laptop yesterday.      |
| 2.  | didn't / he / speak / at / to / anyone / the / party | He didn't speak to anyone at the party. |
| 3.  | they / did / find / hotel / a / good                 | Did they find a good hotel?             |
| 4.  | left / we / very / the / office / late               | We left the office very late.           |
| 5.  | she / miss / didn't / the / train                    | She didn't miss the train.              |
| 6.  | did / lose / you / your / phone                      | Did you lose your phone?                |
| 7.  | arrived / they / the / at / airport / early          | They arrived at the airport early.      |
| 8.  | the / read / I / article / whole                     | I read the whole article.               |
| 9.  | last / she / night / stayed / home / at              | She stayed at home last night.          |
| 10. | find / did / you / what                              | What did you find?                      |

### EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction – Answers

| No. | Incorrect sentence                          | Correct sentence                            |
|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | She buyed a new coat in the sales.          | She bought a new coat in the sales.         |
| 2.  | He didn't spoke to his teacher after class. | He didn't speak to his teacher after class. |
| 3.  | Did they arrived before the guests?         | Did they arrive before the guests?          |
| 4.  | We leaved the cinema before the film ended. | We left the cinema before the film ended.   |
| 5.  | She didn't lost her passport after all.     | She didn't lose her passport after all.     |
| 6.  | Did she finded the right platform?          | Did she find the right platform?            |
| 7.  | He losted his wallet on the bus.            | He lost his wallet on the bus.              |
| 8.  | They didn't missed the flight.              | They didn't miss the flight.                |
| 9.  | I readed the email three times.             | I read the email three times.               |
| 10. | Did he slept well at the new apartment?     | Did he sleep well at the new apartment?     |