

# Simple Past Tense – Practice 3

## B1 / B2 Level – Student Worksheet

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### VERB LIST – Regular & Irregular Verbs

#### Regular verbs:

| Base form  | Past simple | Example sentence                                         |
|------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| monitor    | monitored   | The team monitored progress throughout the campaign.     |
| exceed     | exceeded    | Sales exceeded all expectations in the first quarter.    |
| identify   | identified  | She identified the key risks at an early stage.          |
| justify    | justified   | He justified the additional expenditure to the board.    |
| coordinate | coordinated | She coordinated the response across several departments. |

#### Irregular verbs:

| Base form | Past simple | Example sentence                                        |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| bear      | bore        | She bore the full responsibility for the decision.      |
| burst     | burst       | The deal burst apart at the very last moment.           |
| cast      | cast        | The new findings cast doubt on the original theory.     |
| foresee   | foresaw     | Nobody foresaw the scale of the disruption.             |
| input     | input       | He input the data directly into the system.             |
| kneel     | knelt       | She knelt down to examine the damage more closely.      |
| lay       | laid        | She laid out all the options clearly for the committee. |
| lean      | leant       | He leant heavily on his team throughout the crisis.     |
| outrun    | outran      | Demand outran supply for most of the year.              |
| prove     | proved      | The strategy proved far more effective than expected.   |

**Remember!** Use the past simple for completed actions in the past. Negatives: didn't + base form.  
Questions: Did + subject + base form. Never use the past form after didn't or Did.

### EXERCISE 1 – True or False?

Read each sentence. Write **True** or **False**. If false, write the correct version.

| No. | Sentence                                                                   | True / False |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | "Nobody foresaw the extent of the damage." is correct.                     | _____        |
| 2.  | "She beared the consequences of the decision alone." is correct.           | _____        |
| 3.  | "He didn't justify the additional costs to the board." is correct.         | _____        |
| 4.  | "Did demand outran supply during that period?" is correct.                 | _____        |
| 5.  | "The new evidence casted doubt on the earlier findings." is correct.       | _____        |
| 6.  | "She didn't coordinate the project as effectively as planned." is correct. | _____        |
| 7.  | "Did the strategy prove effective in the end?" is correct.                 | _____        |

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| 8.  | "He leant on his colleagues for support throughout the process." is correct. | _____ |
| 9.  | "She layed out the plan clearly at the start of the meeting." is correct.    | _____ |
| 10. | "Sales exceeded the target by a considerable margin." is correct.            | _____ |

## EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer.

- Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ the scale of the disruption that followed.  
a) foresaw b) foresawed c) foreseen
- She \_\_\_\_\_ full responsibility for what had gone wrong.  
a) beared b) born c) bore
- The announcement \_\_\_\_\_ serious doubts about the company's future.  
a) casted b) cast c) casting
- \_\_\_\_\_ demand outrun supply at any point during the year?  
a) Did b) Does c) Was
- He \_\_\_\_\_ justify the level of expenditure involved.  
a) didn't b) don't c) hadn't
- The strategy \_\_\_\_\_ far more effective than the team had anticipated.  
a) proved b) proven c) proving
- She \_\_\_\_\_ all the available options clearly at the start of the session.  
a) layed b) laid c) laying
- \_\_\_\_\_ the project exceed its original budget?  
a) Did b) Does c) Was
- He \_\_\_\_\_ heavily on the support of his senior team during the restructure.  
a) leaned b) leant c) both a and b
- The team \_\_\_\_\_ progress on a daily basis throughout the campaign.  
a) monitored b) monitorred c) monitoring

## EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill

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

| No. | Sentence                                                                 |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Nobody _____ (foresee) quite how serious the situation would become.     |
| 2.  | She _____ (not / bear) any of the responsibility for what happened.      |
| 3.  | _____ (demand / outrun) supply during the peak trading period?           |
| 4.  | The new evidence _____ (cast) serious doubt on the original conclusions. |
| 5.  | He _____ (lean) heavily on external consultants throughout the project.  |
| 6.  | _____ (the strategy / prove) as effective as everyone had hoped?         |
| 7.  | She _____ (lay) out a very clear set of priorities for the team.         |
| 8.  | Sales _____ (exceed) all projections in the second half of the year.     |
| 9.  | _____ (she / coordinate) the entire campaign from the central office?    |

10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / justify) the decision to the satisfaction of the committee.

#### EXERCISE 4 – Matching

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

| Sentence beginning         | Answer | Ending                                                             |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Nobody foresaw ...      | _____  | a) ... all forecasts and set a new record for the division.        |
| 2. She bore ...            | _____  | b) ... doubt on several of the assumptions in the original report. |
| 3. Did demand outrun ...   | _____  | c) ... the full responsibility for what had happened.              |
| 4. The evidence cast ...   | _____  | d) ... out a very detailed and persuasive case to the committee.   |
| 5. He leant ...            | _____  | e) ... the scale and the speed of the collapse that followed.      |
| 6. The strategy proved ... | _____  | f) ... supply at any point during the year?                        |
| 7. She laid ...            | _____  | g) ... far more successful than anyone had dared to hope.          |
| 8. Sales exceeded ...      | _____  | h) ... heavily on the expertise of his senior colleagues.          |

#### EXERCISE 5 – Word Order

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

| No. | Words                                                | Your sentence |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | nobody / foresaw / scale / the / of / collapse / the | _____         |
| 2.  | she / didn't / bear / responsibility / any           | _____         |
| 3.  | did / demand / outrun / supply                       | _____         |
| 4.  | the / cast / evidence / doubt / serious              | _____         |
| 5.  | he / leant / on / heavily / his / team               | _____         |
| 6.  | the / proved / strategy / effective                  | _____         |
| 7.  | she / laid / out / the / options                     | _____         |
| 8.  | sales / the / exceeded / target                      | _____         |
| 9.  | the / monitored / team / progress / daily            | _____         |
| 10. | when / did / burst / the / deal / apart              | _____         |

#### EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

| No. | Incorrect sentence                                           | Correct sentence |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Nobody foresaw the full extent of what would happen.         | _____            |
| 2.  | She beared the consequences without complaint.               | _____            |
| 3.  | Did demand outran supply during the peak period?             | _____            |
| 4.  | The new findings casted doubt on the earlier research.       | _____            |
| 5.  | He didn't leant on his colleagues as much as he should have. | _____            |
| 6.  | Did the strategy proved effective in the long run?           | _____            |
| 7.  | She layed out a clear plan from the very beginning.          | _____            |
| 8.  | Sales exceedded all targets in the final quarter.            | _____            |

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| 9.  | He didn't justified the extra spending to anyone's satisfaction. |
| 10. | She coordinated the whole campaign from start to finish.         |

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### EXERCISE 1 – Answers

| No. | Sentence                                                                     | Answer                                                                                                               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | "Nobody foresaw the extent of the damage." is correct.                       | True                                                                                                                 |
| 2.  | "She beared the consequences of the decision alone." is correct.             | False – Bear is irregular. Correct: She bore the consequences.                                                       |
| 3.  | "He didn't justify the additional costs to the board." is correct.           | True                                                                                                                 |
| 4.  | "Did demand outran supply during that period?" is correct.                   | False – After Did, use the base form. Correct: Did demand outrun supply?                                             |
| 5.  | "The new evidence casted doubt on the earlier findings." is correct.         | False – Cast is irregular. The past form is also cast. Correct: The new evidence cast doubt on the earlier findings. |
| 6.  | "She didn't coordinate the project as effectively as planned." is correct.   | True                                                                                                                 |
| 7.  | "Did the strategy prove effective in the end?" is correct.                   | True                                                                                                                 |
| 8.  | "He leant on his colleagues for support throughout the process." is correct. | True                                                                                                                 |
| 9.  | "She layed out the plan clearly at the start of the meeting." is correct.    | False – Lay is irregular. Correct: She laid out the plan clearly.                                                    |
| 10. | "Sales exceeded the target by a considerable margin." is correct.            | True                                                                                                                 |

### EXERCISE 2 – Answers

| No. | Question                                                                     | Answer       |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Nobody _____ the scale of the disruption that followed.                      | a) foresaw   |
| 2.  | She _____ full responsibility for what had gone wrong.                       | c) bore      |
| 3.  | The announcement _____ serious doubts about the company's future.            | b) cast      |
| 4.  | _____ demand outran supply at any point during the year?                     | a) Did       |
| 5.  | He _____ justify the level of expenditure involved.                          | a) didn't    |
| 6.  | The strategy _____ far more effective than the team had anticipated.         | a) proved    |
| 7.  | She _____ all the available options clearly at the start of the session.     | b) laid      |
| 8.  | _____ the project exceed its original budget?                                | a) Did       |
| 9.  | He _____ heavily on the support of his senior team during the restructuring. | both a and b |
| 10. | The team _____ progress on a daily basis throughout the campaign.            | a) monitored |

### EXERCISE 3 – Answers

| No. | Sentence                                                                 | Answer                 |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.  | Nobody _____ (foresee) quite how serious the situation would become.     | foresaw                |
| 2.  | She _____ (not / bear) any of the responsibility for what happened.      | didn't bear            |
| 3.  | _____ (demand / outrun) supply during the peak trading period?           | Did demand outrun      |
| 4.  | The new evidence _____ (cast) serious doubt on the original conclusions. | cast                   |
| 5.  | He _____ (lean) heavily on external consultants throughout the project.  | leaned                 |
| 6.  | _____ (the strategy / prove) as effective as everyone had hoped?         | Did the strategy prove |
| 7.  | She _____ (lay) out a very clear set of priorities for the team.         | laid                   |
| 8.  | Sales _____ (exceed) all projections in the second half of the year.     | exceeded               |
| 9.  | _____ (she / coordinate) the entire campaign from the central office?    | Did she coordinate     |

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10. | He _____ (not / justify) the decision to the satisfaction of the committee. | He didn't justify |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|

#### EXERCISE 4 – Answers

| Sentence beginning         | Answer | Full sentence                                                                        |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Nobody foresaw ...      | e      | 1. Nobody foresaw ... the scale and the speed of the collapse that followed.         |
| 2. She bore ...            | c      | 2. She bore ... the full responsibility for what had happened.                       |
| 3. Did demand outrun ...   | f      | 3. Did demand outrun ... supply at any point during the year?                        |
| 4. The evidence cast ...   | b      | 4. The evidence cast ... doubt on several of the assumptions in the original report. |
| 5. He leant ...            | h      | 5. He leant ... heavily on the expertise of his senior colleagues.                   |
| 6. The strategy proved ... | g      | 6. The strategy proved ... far more successful than anyone had dared to hope.        |
| 7. She laid ...            | d      | 7. She laid ... out a very detailed and persuasive case to the committee.            |
| 8. Sales exceeded ...      | a      | 8. Sales exceeded ... all forecasts and set a new record for the division.           |

#### EXERCISE 5 – Answers

| No. | Words                                                | Answer                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | nobody / foresaw / scale / the / of / collapse / the | Nobody foresaw the scale of the collapse. |
| 2.  | she / didn't / bear / responsibility / any           | She didn't bear any responsibility.       |
| 3.  | did / demand / outrun / supply                       | Did demand outrun supply?                 |
| 4.  | the / cast / evidence / doubt / serious              | The evidence cast serious doubt.          |
| 5.  | he / leant / on / heavily / his / team               | He leant heavily on his team.             |
| 6.  | the / proved / strategy / effective                  | The strategy proved effective.            |
| 7.  | she / laid / out / the / options                     | She laid out the options.                 |
| 8.  | sales / the / exceeded / target                      | Sales exceeded the target.                |
| 9.  | the / monitored / team / progress / daily            | The team monitored progress daily.        |
| 10. | when / did / burst / the / deal / apart              | When did the deal burst apart?            |

#### EXERCISE 6 – Answers

| No. | Incorrect sentence                                               | Correct sentence                                                 |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Nobody foresaw the full extent of what would happen.             | Nobody foresaw the full extent of what would happen.             |
| 2.  | She beared the consequences without complaint.                   | She bore the consequences without complaint.                     |
| 3.  | Did demand outran supply during the peak period?                 | Did demand outrun supply during the peak period?                 |
| 4.  | The new findings casted doubt on the earlier research.           | The new findings cast doubt on the earlier research.             |
| 5.  | He didn't leant on his colleagues as much as he should have.     | He couldn't lean on his colleagues as much as he should have.    |
| 6.  | Did the strategy proved effective in the long run?               | Did the strategy prove effective in the long run?                |
| 7.  | She layed out a clear plan from the very beginning.              | She laid out a clear plan from the very beginning.               |
| 8.  | Sales exceedded all targets in the final quarter.                | Sales exceeded all targets in the final quarter.                 |
| 9.  | He didn't justified the extra spending to anyone's satisfaction. | He couldn't justify the extra spending to anyone's satisfaction. |
| 10. | She coordinated the whole campaign from start to finish.         | She coordinated the whole campaign from start to finish.         |