

Simple Past Tense – Practice 6

B1 / B2 Level – Student Worksheet

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VERB LIST – Regular & Irregular Verbs

Regular verbs:

Base form	Past simple	Example sentence
revise	revised	The team revised the forecast following new data.
enforce	enforced	The regulator enforced the new rules strictly.
expose	exposed	The audit exposed a number of serious weaknesses.
collapse	collapsed	The deal collapsed at the very last stage.
reject	rejected	The board rejected the proposal outright.

Irregular verbs:

Base form	Past simple	Example sentence
bite	bit	The new tax changes bit hard for smaller operators.
forsake	forsook	She forsook the security of her old role for a new challenge.
hold	held	The committee held an emergency session.
mislead	misled	The figures misled the market about underlying performance.
offset	offset	The cost savings offset the initial outlay.
overhaul	overhauled	They overhauled the entire compliance framework.
relay	relayed	She relayed the decision to the rest of the team.
reshape	reshaped	The crisis reshaped the entire regulatory landscape.
set	set	The outcome set a new precedent for the industry.
uphold	upheld	The tribunal upheld the original decision.

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.	"The tribunal upheld the original ruling." is correct.	_____
2.	"The audit exposed several serious control weaknesses." is correct.	_____
3.	"She didn't relay the decision to her team until the following morning." is correct.	_____
4.	"Did the new tax bite hard for smaller businesses?" is correct.	_____
5.	"The deal collapsed at a very late stage of the negotiations." is correct.	_____
6.	"They didn't overhauled the system — they simply patched it." is correct.	_____
7.	"Did the figures misled the market?" is correct.	_____

8.	"The outcome set a significant precedent for the whole sector." is correct.	_____
9.	"She forsaked a secure position to take on a new challenge." is correct.	_____
10.	"The board rejected the proposal on the grounds of cost." is correct.	_____

EXERCISE 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer.

- The tribunal _____ the original decision of the lower court.
a) upheld b) upheld c) upholding
- The new tax _____ particularly hard on smaller independent operators.
a) bited b) bit c) biting
- She _____ a secure and well-paid role for a far riskier opportunity.
a) forsaked b) forsook c) forsaking
- _____ the figures mislead the market about actual performance?
a) Did b) Does c) Was
- They _____ overhaul the framework — they simply made minor adjustments.
a) didn't b) don't c) hadn't
- The committee _____ an emergency meeting to discuss the situation.
a) holded b) held c) holding
- The crisis _____ the entire regulatory environment for years to come.
a) reshaped b) reshapped c) reshaping
- _____ the deal collapse before a final agreement was signed?
a) Did b) Does c) Was
- The outcome _____ an important precedent for future cases.
a) settled b) set c) setting
- The regulator _____ the new compliance rules across the sector.
a) enforced b) enforseed c) enforcing

EXERCISE 3 – Gap Fill

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

No.	Sentence
1.	The tribunal _____ (uphold) the original decision of the lower court.
2.	She _____ (not / forsake) her principles even under enormous pressure.
3.	_____ (the figures / mislead) investors about the underlying performance?
4.	The new tax _____ (bite) particularly hard for smaller operators.
5.	They _____ (not / overhaul) the system as thoroughly as required.
6.	_____ (the committee / hold) an emergency session to discuss the findings?
7.	The crisis _____ (reshape) the entire regulatory landscape.
8.	The deal _____ (collapse) just hours before the signing ceremony.
9.	_____ (the outcome / set) a new precedent for the industry?

10. The board _____ (reject) the proposal without requesting any further information.

EXERCISE 4 – Matching

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

Sentence beginning	Answer	Ending
1. The tribunal upheld ...	_____	a) ... the system as thoroughly as the regulators had required.
2. She didn't forsake ...	_____	b) ... the entire regulatory landscape for the foreseeable future.
3. Did the figures mislead ...	_____	c) ... just hours before the scheduled signing ceremony.
4. The new tax bit ...	_____	d) ... investors about the true state of the company's finances?
5. They didn't overhaul ...	_____	e) ... particularly hard on smaller independent operators.
6. The crisis reshaped ...	_____	f) ... a significant new precedent for the industry as a whole.
7. The deal collapsed ...	_____	g) ... the original decision and awarded full compensation.
8. The outcome set ...	_____	h) ... her principles despite coming under considerable pressure to do so.

EXERCISE 5 – Word Order

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

No.	Words	Your sentence
1.	the / tribunal / upheld / the / decision / original	_____
2.	she / didn't / forsake / her / principles	_____
3.	did / the / mislead / figures / investors	_____
4.	the / tax / new / bit / hard	_____
5.	they / the / didn't / system / overhaul	_____
6.	the / reshaped / crisis / the / landscape / regulatory	_____
7.	the / deal / collapsed / at / stage / last / minute / the	_____
8.	the / outcome / set / a / precedent / new	_____
9.	the / board / the / rejected / proposal	_____
10.	when / did / the / deal / collapse	_____

EXERCISE 6 – Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

No.	Incorrect sentence	Correct sentence
1.	The tribunal uphelded the ruling of the original court.	_____
2.	She didn't forsaked her values despite the pressure she was under.	_____
3.	Did the figures misleded investors about underlying performance?	_____
4.	The new tax bited hardest on those with the smallest profit margins.	_____
5.	They didn't overhauled the compliance framework as required.	_____
6.	The committee holded an emergency meeting to address the situation.	_____
7.	The crisis reshapped the regulatory environment for years to come.	_____
8.	The deal colapsed at the final stage of negotiations.	_____

9.	The outcome setted a new benchmark for similar cases in future.
10.	She didn't relay the decision to her team until the following day.

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EXERCISE 1 – Answers

No.	Sentence	Answer
1.	"The tribunal upheld the original ruling." is correct.	False – Uphold is irregular. Correct: The tribunal upheld the original ruling.
2.	"The audit exposed several serious control weaknesses." is correct.	True
3.	"She didn't relay the decision to her team until the following morning." is correct.	True
4.	"Did the new tax bite hard for smaller businesses?" is correct.	True
5.	"The deal collapsed at a very late stage of the negotiations." is correct.	True
6.	"They didn't overhauled the system — they simply patched it." is correct.	False – After didn't, use the base form. Correct: They didn't overhaul the system — they simply patched it.
7.	"Did the figures misled the market?" is correct.	False – After Did, use the base form. Correct: Did the figures mislead the market?
8.	"The outcome set a significant precedent for the whole sector." is correct.	True
9.	"She forsaked a secure position to take on a new challenge." is correct.	False – Forsake is irregular. Correct: She forsook a secure position to take on a new challenge.
10.	"The board rejected the proposal on the grounds of cost." is correct.	True

EXERCISE 2 – Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1.	The tribunal _____ the original decision of the lower court.	b) upheld
2.	The new tax _____ particularly hard on smaller independent operators.	b) bit
3.	She _____ a secure and well-paid role for a far riskier opportunity.	b) forsook
4.	_____ the figures mislead the market about actual performance?	a) Did
5.	They _____ overhaul the framework — they simply made minor adjustments.	b) didn't
6.	The committee _____ an emergency meeting to discuss the situation.	b) held
7.	The crisis _____ the entire regulatory environment for years to come.	a) reshaped
8.	_____ the deal collapse before a final agreement was signed?	a) Did
9.	The outcome _____ an important precedent for future cases.	b) set
10.	The regulator _____ the new compliance rules across the sector.	a) enforced

EXERCISE 3 – Answers

No.	Sentence	Answer
1.	The tribunal _____ (uphold) the original decision of the lower court.	upheld
2.	She _____ (not / forsake) her principles even under enormous pressure.	didn't forsake
3.	_____ (the figures / mislead) investors about the underlying performance?	Did the figures mislead
4.	The new tax _____ (bite) particularly hard for smaller operators.	bit
5.	They _____ (not / overhaul) the system as thoroughly as required.	didn't overhaul
6.	_____ (the committee / hold) an emergency session to discuss the findings?	Did the committee hold
7.	The crisis _____ (reshape) the entire regulatory landscape.	reshaped
8.	The deal _____ (collapse) just hours before the signing ceremony.	collapsed
9.	_____ (the outcome / set) a new precedent for the industry?	Did the outcome set

10.	The board _____ (reject) the proposal without requesting any further information.
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EXERCISE 4 – Answers

Sentence beginning	Answer	Full sentence
1. The tribunal upheld ...	g	1. The tribunal upheld ... the original decision and awarded full compensation.
2. She didn't forsake ...	h	2. She didn't forsake ... her principles despite coming under considerable pressure.
3. Did the figures mislead ...	d	3. Did the figures mislead ... investors about the true state of the company?
4. The new tax bit ...	e	4. The new tax bit ... particularly hard on smaller independent operators.
5. They didn't overhaul ...	a	5. They didn't overhaul ... the system as thoroughly as the regulators had.
6. The crisis reshaped ...	b	6. The crisis reshaped ... the entire regulatory landscape for the foreseeable future.
7. The deal collapsed ...	c	7. The deal collapsed ... just hours before the scheduled signing ceremony.
8. The outcome set ...	f	8. The outcome set ... a significant new precedent for the industry as a whole.

EXERCISE 5 – Answers

No.	Words	Answer
1.	the / tribunal / upheld / the / decision / original	The tribunal upheld the original decision.
2.	she / didn't / forsake / her / principles	She didn't forsake her principles.
3.	did / the / mislead / figures / investors	Did the figures mislead investors?
4.	the / tax / new / bit / hard	The new tax bit hard.
5.	they / the / didn't / system / overhaul	They didn't overhaul the system.
6.	the / reshaped / crisis / the / landscape / regulatory	The crisis reshaped the regulatory landscape.
7.	the / deal / collapsed / at / stage / last / minute / the	The deal collapsed at the last minute.
8.	the / outcome / set / a / precedent / new	The outcome set a new precedent.
9.	the / board / the / rejected / proposal	The board rejected the proposal.
10.	when / did / the / deal / collapse	When did the deal collapse?

EXERCISE 6 – Answers

No.	Incorrect sentence	Correct sentence
1.	The tribunal uphelded the ruling of the original court.	The tribunal upheld the ruling of the original court.
2.	She didn't forsaked her values despite the pressure she was under.	She didn't forsake her values despite the pressure she was under.
3.	Did the figures misleadeds investors about underlying performance?	Did the figures mislead investors about underlying performance?
4.	The new tax bited hardest on those with the smallest profit margins.	The new tax bit hardest on those with the smallest profit margins.
5.	They didn't overhauled the compliance framework as required.	They didn't overhaul the compliance framework as required.
6.	The committee holdeds an emergency meeting to address the situation.	The committee held an emergency meeting to address the situation.
7.	The crisis reshapped the regulatory environment for years to come.	The crisis reshaped the regulatory environment for years to come.
8.	The deal colapsed at the final stage of negotiations.	The deal collapsed at the final stage of negotiations.
9.	The outcome setted a new benchmark for similar cases in future.	The outcome set a new benchmark for similar cases in future.
10.	She didn't relay the decision to her team until the following day.	She didn't relay the decision to her team until the following day.