

# The Verb "To Have": Past Simple (All Forms)

## A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 5: had, didn't have, and questions with did

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### Language Focus

The verb "have" has one past form for every subject: **had**. We use it to talk about possessions, experiences, and situations in the past.

| Form            | Structure                     | Example                                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Affirmative     | All subjects: had             | I had a great day. They had a meeting.                      |
| Negative        | didn't have                   | She didn't have time. We didn't have any milk.              |
| Yes/No Question | Did...have?                   | Did he have fun? Did you have breakfast?                    |
| Short Answer    | Yes/No + subject + did/didn't | Yes, he did. No, they didn't.                               |
| Wh- Question    | Wh-word + did...have?         | What did you have for lunch? Why didn't she have breakfast? |

**Remember:** Unlike "be" (was/were), "have" uses the same form – **had** – for every subject in the past. And after did/didn't, we always use the base form "have", never "had" (Did you **have**...? not Did you had...?).

### Listening: A Busy Morning

*Context: a hectic start to the day*

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

Yesterday I had a really busy morning.

I had breakfast early, but I didn't have much time to eat.

My sister had a meeting before school.

We didn't have any milk, so we had toast instead.

My brother didn't have breakfast at all – he was too tired.

In the end, we all had a good day, even though the morning was hectic.

## 1. True or False

*Context: A Busy Morning (from the listening)*

1. The speaker had a busy morning. True / False
2. The speaker had plenty of time to eat breakfast. True / False
3. My sister had a meeting before school. True / False
4. The family had plenty of milk. True / False
5. Everyone had breakfast. True / False

## 2. Multiple Choice

*Context: a school reunion*

Choose the correct past form of "have".

1. The classroom \_\_\_\_ 30 students back then.  
have / had
2. We \_\_\_\_ great teachers.  
have / had
3. I \_\_\_\_ a best friend named Sam.  
have / had
4. Our uniforms \_\_\_\_ a slightly different colour.  
have / had
5. The school \_\_\_\_ a huge playground.  
have / had
6. We \_\_\_\_ lots of fun at lunchtime.  
have / had

## 3. Matching

*Context: family memories*

Draw a line to match each subject to the correct sentence ending.

1. My grandfather
2. The children
3. I
4. My aunt
5. We

had a wonderful childhood.

had a big family gathering every summer.

had a small farm.

had a beautiful garden.

had lots of energy.

## 4. Gap Fill

*Context: a diary entry*

Complete the diary entry with had or didn't have.

Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ a strange day. I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast because I woke up late. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ lunch without me. I \_\_\_\_\_ my phone with me, so I couldn't call anyone. In the evening, we \_\_\_\_\_ a nice dinner together. Luckily, I \_\_\_\_\_ any more problems after that.

## 5. Have Sort

"Had" can mean two different things. Sort these phrases into the correct group: had a car, had a dog, had blue eyes, had enough money, had a big house, had breakfast, had a shower, had a great time, had a meeting, had a look, had a party

**had = owned / possessed something:** \_\_\_\_\_

**had = did / experienced something:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Word Order

*Context: questions with did...have*

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

1. you / Did / have / a / good / weekend?
2. she / Did / a / have / car?
3. did / What / have / you / for / breakfast?
4. have / Did / enough / they / time?
5. he / didn't / Why / have / breakfast?

## 7. Right or Wrong?

*Context: a family history quiz*

Is the sentence right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct form.

1. She haved a big family. Right / Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_
2. They didn't had any pets. Right / Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you have a nice birthday? Right / Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_
4. He didn't have much money. Right / Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did she had a good job? Right / Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_

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### A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 5

#### 1. True or False – Answers

1. The speaker had a busy morning. **True**
2. The speaker had plenty of time to eat breakfast. **False**
3. My sister had a meeting before school. **True**
4. The family had plenty of milk. **False**
5. Everyone had breakfast. **False**

#### 2. Multiple Choice – Answers

1. The classroom \_\_\_\_ 30 students back then. **had**
2. We \_\_\_\_ great teachers. **had**
3. I \_\_\_\_ a best friend named Sam. **had**
4. Our uniforms \_\_\_\_ a slightly different colour. **had**
5. The school \_\_\_\_ a huge playground. **had**
6. We \_\_\_\_ lots of fun at lunchtime. **had**

#### 3. Matching – Answers

1. My grandfather had a small farm.
2. The children had lots of energy.
3. I had a wonderful childhood.
4. My aunt had a beautiful garden.
5. We had a big family gathering every summer.

#### 4. Gap Fill – Answers (in order)

Blank 1: **had**

Blank 2: **didn't have**

Blank 3: **had**

Blank 4: **didn't have**

Blank 5: **had**

Blank 6: **didn't have**

#### 5. Have Sort – Answers

**had = owned / possessed something:** had a car, had a dog, had blue eyes, had enough money, had a big house

**had = did / experienced something:** had breakfast, had a shower, had a great time, had a meeting, had a look, had a party

#### 6. Word Order – Answers

1. Did you have a good weekend?
2. Did she have a car?
3. What did you have for breakfast?
4. Did they have enough time?
5. Why didn't he have breakfast?

## 7. Right or Wrong? – Answers

1. She haved a big family. **Wrong** – had
2. They didn't had any pets. **Wrong** – didn't have
3. Did you have a nice birthday? **Right**
4. He didn't have much money. **Right**
5. Did she had a good job? **Wrong** – have