

Irregular Verbs — Past Simple (Part 2)

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New Verbs

Study these irregular past simple forms before you start.

Verb	Past Simple	Verb	Past Simple
run	ran	catch	caught
swim	swam	teach	taught
sit	sat	sleep	slept
fall	fell	lose	lost
wear	wore	speak	spoke
hear	heard	stand	stood

Exercise 1 — True or False

Circle True or False for each sentence.

1. "He wore a blue jacket to the party." is correct. **True / False**
2. "He falled off his bike yesterday." is correct. **True / False**
3. The past simple of 'run' is 'runned'. **True / False**
4. "They sitted at the back of the room." is correct. **True / False**
5. "The baby slept for ten hours." is correct. **True / False**
6. "I caughted the ball with one hand." is correct. **True / False**
7. "My aunt taught me how to cook." is correct. **True / False**
8. "We heared a strange noise outside." is correct. **True / False**
9. "Everyone stood up when she entered." is correct. **True / False**
10. "The children swam in the lake all afternoon." is correct. **True / False**
11. "I losed my keys on the bus." is correct. **True / False**
12. "She spoke to the manager about the problem." is correct. **True / False**

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

Circle the correct past simple form.

1. They ____ the fire alarm from the street.
a) hear b) hearing c) heard d) heared
2. She ____ perfect French at the conference.
a) speaking b) speak c) spoke d) speaked
3. We ____ in the front row of the cinema.
a) sat b) sitted c) sitting d) sit
4. He ____ his best suit to the interview.
a) weared b) wore c) wear d) wearing
5. The whole class ____ when the headteacher walked in.
a) stand b) stood c) standed d) standing
6. The goalkeeper ____ the ball just in time.
a) catched b) caught c) catching d) catch
7. Yesterday, she ____ five kilometres before breakfast.
a) ran b) running c) runned d) run
8. Mr Davies ____ us chemistry for two years.
a) teaching b) teached c) taught d) teach
9. He ____ his wallet somewhere in town.
a) losed b) lose c) losing d) lost
10. The old man ____ on the icy pavement.
a) fell b) falling c) falled d) fall
11. She ____ across the lake and back.
a) swimmmed b) swim c) swimming d) swam
12. I ____ really badly last night.
a) slept b) sleeping c) sleep d) slept

Exercise 3 — Matching

Draw a line to match each verb to its past simple form.

1. swim	_____	stood
2. sit	_____	lost
3. speak	_____	fell
4. fall	_____	caught
5. run	_____	heard
6. teach	_____	wore
7. sleep	_____	taught
8. wear	_____	spoke
9. stand	_____	sat
10. lose	_____	slept
11. hear	_____	swam
12. catch	_____	ran

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill

Write the correct past simple form in the gap.

1. I _____ the last train home.
2. We _____ together during the flight.
3. The president _____ about the new policy.
4. I _____ a knock at the door.
5. The little girl _____ and hurt her knee.
6. I _____ fifty lengths at the pool today.
7. He _____ outside in the rain for an hour.
8. He _____ on the sofa all afternoon.
9. She _____ English in Japan for a year.
10. Last weekend, we _____ a 10k race together.
11. Our team _____ the match 3-1.
12. She _____ a beautiful red dress to the wedding.

Exercise 5 — Word Sort

Sort the past simple forms below into the three groups. Think about how much each word changed from the base verb.

Word bank: caught fell heard lost ran sat slept spoke stood swam taught wore

Small vowel change only	
The verb changes completely	
Past form still looks like the verb	

Exercise 6 — Word Order

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

1. quickly / He / fell / asleep

2. slept / a / They / tent / in

3. wore / warm / He / a / coat

4. She / phone / her / lost

5. She / spoke / clearly / very

6. My / me / chess / father / taught

7. on / the / mat / The / cat / sat

8. news / some / heard / We / good

9. morning / He / every / swam

10. catch / She / the / bus / to / ran

11. the / door / We / near / stood

12. fish / I / caught / a / big

Exercise 7 — Right or Wrong

Decide if the sentence is right or wrong. If it is wrong, write the correction.

1. She spoke to her parents on the phone. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

2. He stood by the window. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

3. She runned to the shop. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

4. I caught a cold last week. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

5. The dog slept by the fire. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

6. They sitted quietly in class. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

7. He wore his new shoes. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

8. She swam in the sea. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

9. We heared a loud bang. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

10. My sister taught me to swim. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

11. He falled down the stairs. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

12. We losed the game. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

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Teacher Answer Key — A2 Elementary

Exercise 1 — True or False

1. **True**
2. **False** (correct form: fell)
3. **False** (correct form: ran)
4. **False** (correct form: sat)
5. **True**
6. **False** (correct form: caught)
7. **True**
8. **False** (correct form: heard)
9. **True**
10. **True**
11. **False** (correct form: lost)
12. **True**

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

1. c) heard
2. c) spoke
3. a) sat
4. b) wore
5. b) stood
6. b) caught
7. a) ran
8. c) taught
9. d) lost
10. a) fell
11. d) swam
12. d) slept

Exercise 3 — Matching

1. swim → **swam**
2. sit → **sat**
3. speak → **spoke**
4. fall → **fell**
5. run → **ran**
6. teach → **taught**
7. sleep → **slept**
8. wear → **wore**
9. stand → **stood**
10. lose → **lost**
11. hear → **heard**

12. catch → **caught**

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill

1. **caught**
2. **sat**
3. **spoke**
4. **heard**
5. **fell**
6. **swam**
7. **stood**
8. **slept**
9. **taught**
10. **ran**
11. **lost**
12. **wore**

Exercise 5 — Word Sort

Small vowel change only: ran, sat, swam, fell

The verb changes completely: caught, taught, slept, lost

Past form still looks like the verb: wore, spoke, heard, stood

Exercise 6 — Word Order

1. He fell asleep quickly
2. They slept in a tent
3. He wore a warm coat
4. She lost her phone
5. She spoke very clearly
6. My father taught me chess
7. The cat sat on the mat
8. We heard some good news
9. He swam every morning
10. She ran to catch the bus
11. We stood near the door
12. I caught a big fish

Exercise 7 — Right or Wrong

1. **Right**
2. **Right**
3. **Wrong** — correction: She ran to the shop.
4. **Wrong** — correction: I caught a cold last week.
5. **Right**
6. **Wrong** — correction: They sat quietly in class.
7. **Right**
8. **Right**
9. **Wrong** — correction: We heard a loud bang.
10. **Right**
11. **Wrong** — correction: He fell down the stairs.
12. **Wrong** — correction: We lost the game.