

Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs) – Test 1



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Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Regular and irregular forms

Choose the correct past simple form to complete each sentence.

1. Yesterday Maria _____ her grandmother on the phone.
A call **B** called **C** calls **D** calling
2. We _____ to the beach last summer.
A go **B** goed **C** went **D** gone
3. Tom _____ a big sandwich for lunch.
A eated **B** eat **C** eaten **D** ate
4. Last week she _____ in the city centre with her friends.
A shopped **B** shoped **C** shopt **D** shopping
5. The children _____ their homework before dinner.
A do **B** done **C** did **D** doed
6. I _____ my keys this morning, but then I found them in my bag.
A lose **B** losed **C** loosed **D** lost
7. Choose the correct past simple form of 'study'.
A studied **B** studied **C** studed **D** studyied
8. Ahmed _____ a new jacket at the market on Saturday.
A buyed **B** boughted **C** buys **D** bought
9. Our train _____ at 7:15 and arrived at 9:00.
A left **B** leaved **C** leave **D** lefted
10. Choose the correct sentence.
A She writed a letter to her friend last week.
B She written a letter to her friend last week.
C She wrote a letter to her friend last week.
D She was write a letter to her friend last week.

Part 2: Negatives, questions and short answers

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence, question or dialogue.

11. I _____ the film last night. It was boring.
A didn't liked **B** don't liked **C** didn't like **D** not liked
12. _____ you see Kenji at the party last Friday?
A Do **B** Did **C** Were **D** Are

13. Where _____ last weekend?
A you went **B** did you went **C** went you **D** did you go
14. Lena _____ breakfast this morning because she was late.
A didn't have **B** didn't had **C** hadn't **D** not have
15. Find the mistake: Last Monday we stayed at home because it snowed and the buses didn't came.
A stayed **B** it snowed **C** the buses **D** didn't came
16. A: Did you finish the report? B: _____
A Yes, I do. **B** Yes, I was. **C** Yes, I did. **D** Yes, I didn't.
17. Choose the correct question.
A What time the concert started? **B** What time did the concert start?
C What time did the concert started? **D** What time started the concert?
18. Who _____ the window? – Sam did.
A did broke **B** brokek **C** broke **D** did breaking
19. My parents _____ at home yesterday. They were at work.
A didn't **B** weren't **C** wasn't **D** didn't be
20. _____ the weather nice on your holiday?
A Did **B** Were **C** Was **D** Does

Part 3: Past simple in a story

Read the story. Then choose the correct word for each numbered gap (21–30).

Last Saturday, Priya and her brother Daniel (21) ____ to visit a small village in the mountains. They (22) ____ up very early and caught the bus at six o'clock. The journey (23) ____ three hours, so Priya read a book and Daniel slept.

When they arrived, it (24) ____ cold and windy. They (25) ____ a map at the tourist office and walked to a lake. Daniel (26) ____ his hands in the water, but it was very cold! At lunchtime they ate soup in a little café. Unfortunately, Priya (27) ____ her umbrella at home, and in the afternoon it started to rain.

They (28) ____ stay long after that. They (29) ____ back to the bus stop and caught the last bus home. 'Did you enjoy the day?' their mum asked. 'Yes, we (30) ____,' said Priya. 'But next time I'll bring my umbrella!'

21. (21) Last Saturday, Priya and her brother Daniel _____ to visit a small village in the mountains.
A decide **B** decides **C** decided **D** deciding
22. (22) They _____ up very early and caught the bus at six o'clock.
A getted **B** got **C** get **D** gets
23. (23) The journey _____ three hours, so Priya read a book and Daniel slept.
A take **B** took **C** taked **D** was take
24. (24) When they arrived, it _____ cold and windy.
A were **B** did **C** is **D** was
25. (25) They _____ a map at the tourist office and walked to a lake.
A found **B** finded **C** find **D** founded

26. (26) Daniel _____ his hands in the water, but it was very cold!
A puts **B** puted **C** put **D** putted
27. (27) Unfortunately, Priya _____ her umbrella at home.
A forgetted **B** forget **C** forgotten **D** forgot
28. (28) They _____ stay long after that.
A don't **B** weren't **C** didn't **D** wasn't
29. (29) They _____ back to the bus stop and caught the last bus home.
A ran **B** runned **C** run **D** were run
30. (30) 'Did you enjoy the day?' their mum asked. 'Yes, we _____,' said Priya.
A enjoyed **B** did **C** do **D** were

Answer key – Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs) – Test 1

1 B	2 C	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 D	7 B	8 D	9 A	10 C
11 C	12 B	13 D	14 A	15 D	16 C	17 B	18 C	19 B	20 C
21 C	22 B	23 B	24 D	25 A	26 C	27 D	28 C	29 A	30 B

Explanations

1. **B** – 'Yesterday' shows a finished past action, so we use the past simple 'called'.
2. **C** – 'Go' is irregular; its past simple form is 'went'.
3. **D** – 'Eat' is irregular; the past simple is 'ate' ('eaten' is the past participle).
4. **A** – Short verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant double the consonant: shop → shopped.
5. **C** – 'Do' is irregular; its past simple form is 'did'.
6. **D** – 'Lose' is irregular; its past simple form is 'lost'.
7. **B** – Verbs ending in consonant + y change y to i and add -ed: study → studied.
8. **D** – 'Buy' is irregular; its past simple form is 'bought'.
9. **A** – 'Leave' is irregular; its past simple form is 'left'.
10. **C** – 'Write' is irregular; its past simple form is 'wrote'.
11. **C** – In negatives we use 'didn't' + the base form of the verb: didn't like.
12. **B** – Past simple questions with main verbs use 'Did' + subject + base form.
13. **D** – After 'did' we use the base form: Where did you go?
14. **A** – The past simple negative is 'didn't' + base form: didn't have.
15. **D** – After 'didn't' we need the base form: didn't come, not didn't came.
16. **C** – A short answer to a 'Did...?' question uses 'did': Yes, I did.
17. **B** – The question form is question word + did + subject + base form.
18. **C** – When 'who' is the subject, we don't use 'did'; we use the past form 'broke'.
19. **B** – The negative of 'be' with a plural subject is 'weren't'; we don't use 'didn't' with 'be'.
20. **C** – Questions with 'be' don't use 'did'; 'the weather' is singular, so we use 'Was'.
21. **C** – 'Last Saturday' shows a finished past time, so we use the regular past form 'decided'.
22. **B** – 'Get' is irregular; its past simple form is 'got'.
23. **B** – 'Take' is irregular; its past simple form is 'took'.
24. **D** – We use 'was' with 'it' in the past; 'were' is for you/we/they.
25. **A** – 'Find' is irregular; its past simple is 'found' ('founded' means 'started an organisation').
26. **C** – 'Put' is irregular and has the same form in the present and past: put.
27. **D** – 'Forget' is irregular; the past simple is 'forgot' ('forgotten' is the past participle).
28. **C** – Before the base form 'stay' we need 'didn't' to make a past negative.
29. **A** – 'Run' is irregular; its past simple form is 'ran'.
30. **B** – A short answer to a 'Did...?' question repeats 'did': Yes, we did.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after teaching regular and irregular past simple forms, or as a diagnostic at the start of a unit. It targets common A2 errors such as 'didn't went', 'did you went', over-regularised forms like 'bused' or 'goed', and confusion between was/were and did. Go through the error-spotting and question-forming items in class, then ask learners to write five sentences about their own last weekend using at least three irregular verbs.