

Past Simple (regular and irregular verbs) – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Write the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I ___ (watch) a film last night. → watched

1. Last summer we _____ (visit) my grandparents in the countryside.
2. Maria _____ (study) for her exam all weekend.
3. The train _____ (stop) at every station.
4. I _____ (buy) a new jacket yesterday.
5. Tom _____ (write) a long email to his teacher.
6. We _____ (have) pizza for dinner on Friday.
7. The children _____ (play) in the park after school.
8. She _____ (go) to bed early because she was tired.

Exercise 2: Irregular verbs

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box. There are two extra verbs.

WORD BOX

saw took ate met lost came felt gave drank sold

9. Yuki _____ her keys on the bus, so she couldn't open the door.
10. We _____ a really funny film at the cinema on Saturday.
11. Ahmed _____ his new neighbours for the first time last week.
12. I _____ two sandwiches for lunch because I was very hungry.
13. My friends _____ to my house for dinner yesterday evening.
14. Elena _____ a lot of photos on her holiday.
15. After the long walk, I _____ very tired.
16. My parents _____ me a bike for my birthday.

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

Rewrite each sentence as shown in brackets.

Example: He played tennis. (negative) → He didn't play tennis.

17. She cleaned her room. (negative)

18. They went to the beach. (negative)

19. Paolo bought a new phone. (negative)

20. He forgot his umbrella. (negative)

21. You enjoyed the concert. (question)

22. Anna spoke to the manager. (question)

23. The film started at eight. (question)

24. They arrived at six o'clock. (question with When)

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: She runned to the bus stop. → She ran to the bus stop.

25. We goed to the museum last Sunday.

26. I didn't saw your message yesterday.

27. Did you finished your homework?

28. She bought some flowers for her mother.

29. They plaied football after school.

30. He not called me last night.

31. Where you went on holiday last year?

32. My brother studied Italian at university.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

Example: did / you / sleep / well → Did you sleep well?

33. did / what / you / eat / for breakfast

34. didn't / I / my homework / finish

35. go / did / she / to the party

36. did / they / arrive / late

37. where / you / did / your bag / leave

38. we / a taxi / took / to the airport

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

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **visited**
Regular verb: add -ed.
2. **studied**
Consonant + y: change y to i and add -ed.
3. **stopped**
Short verb ending consonant-vowel-consonant: double the last letter and add -ed.
4. **bought**
Buy is irregular: buy – bought.
5. **wrote**
Write is irregular: write – wrote.
6. **had**
Have is irregular: have – had.
7. **played**
Vowel + y: just add -ed.
8. **went**
Go is irregular: go – went.

Exercise 2: Irregular verbs

9. **lost**
Lose – lost: she didn't have her keys any more.
10. **saw**
See – saw: we watch or see films.
11. **met**
Meet – met: we meet people for the first time.
12. **ate**
Eat – ate: we eat food when we are hungry.
13. **came**
Come – came: they visited my house.
14. **took**
Take – took: we take photos.
15. **felt**
Feel – felt: we feel tired.
16. **gave**
Give – gave: a birthday present is given.

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

17. **She didn't clean her room.**
Negative: didn't + base form (clean, not cleaned).
18. **They didn't go to the beach.**
After didn't, use the base form: go, not went.
19. **Paolo didn't buy a new phone.**
After didn't, use the base form: buy, not bought.
20. **He didn't forget his umbrella.**
After didn't, use the base form: forget.
21. **Did you enjoy the concert?**
Question: Did + subject + base form.
22. **Did Anna speak to the manager?**
Question: Did + subject + base form (speak, not spoke).
23. **Did the film start at eight?**
Question: Did + subject + base form (start).
24. **When did they arrive?**
Wh- question: question word + did + subject + base form.

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

25. **We went to the museum last Sunday.**
Go is irregular: the past form is went.
26. **I didn't see your message yesterday.**
After didn't, use the base form: see.
27. **Did you finish your homework?**
After did, use the base form: finish.
28. **She bought some flowers for her mother.**
Buy is irregular: the past form is bought.
29. **They played football after school.**
Vowel + y: just add -ed (played).
30. **He didn't call me last night.**
Past simple negative needs didn't + base form.
31. **Where did you go on holiday last year?**
Wh- questions need did + subject + base form.
32. **My brother studied Italian at university.**
Consonant + y: change y to i and add -ed (studied).

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

33. What did you eat for breakfast?

Question word + did + subject + base form.

34. I didn't finish my homework.

Subject + didn't + base form + object.

35. Did she go to the party?

Yes/no question: Did + subject + base form.

36. Did they arrive late?

Yes/no question: Did + subject + base form.

37. Where did you leave your bag?

Question word + did + subject + base form + object.

38. We took a taxi to the airport.

Affirmative: subject + past form + object.

Notes for teachers: Start with a quick review of -ed spelling rules (study → studied, stop → stopped) and a few common irregular verbs before Exercise 1. A typical mistake is using the past form after did or didn't (Did you went? / I didn't saw). Learners also often add -ed to irregular verbs (goed, buyed). As a follow-up, ask pairs to interview each other about last weekend using Did you...? and Wh- questions.