

# PAST SIMPLE TENSE EXERCISES

## WORKSHEET 2

**1** Complete the chart with the Past Simple form of the verbs. Type the answers. Then check.

Base Form	Past Simple
run	1. <input type="text"/>
watch	2. <input type="text"/>
tell	3. <input type="text"/>
write	4. <input type="text"/>
travel	5. <input type="text"/>
cry	6. <input type="text"/>
become	7. <input type="text"/>
sing	8. <input type="text"/>
give	9. <input type="text"/>
teach	10. <input type="text"/>
be	11. <input type="text"/> / 12. <input type="text"/>

**2** Complete the sentences with verbs from Exercise 1. Use the Past Simple. Type the answers. Then check.

*ran • watched • told • wrote • travelled • cried  
became • sang • gave • taught • was • were*

1. Charles Dickens  many books and stories about poor people in Britain.
2. Margot Fonteyn  a famous British ballerina.
3. Oprah Winfrey is very generous. A number of years ago, she  276 cars to the audience at her TV show.
4. Marilyn Monroe was a beautiful actress. She  "Happy Birthday" to the President of the USA.
5. Marco Polo was a famous explorer. He  to China.

**3** Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple. Type the answers. Then check.

## Angelina Jolie

In 2001, Angelina Jolie <sup>1</sup>  (make) the film *Tomb Raider* in Cambodia. While she <sup>2</sup>  (be) there, she <sup>3</sup>  (see) the terrible living conditions in the country. The people <sup>4</sup>  (be) very poor and they <sup>5</sup>  (have) many problems. After the film, Jolie <sup>6</sup>  (decide) to help poor people around the world. She and her partner, Brad Pitt, <sup>7</sup>  (adopt) three children from Cambodia, Ethiopia and Vietnam. They also <sup>8</sup>  (create) an organisation called the Jolie-Pitt Foundation. The organisation collects money to buy food, homes and medicine, and to protect wildlife. In 2005, Jolie <sup>9</sup>  (receive) the Global Humanitarian Award from the UN for all her hard work.

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple negative form of the verbs in bold. Type the answers. Then check.

1. Leonardo da Vinci *didn't draw* pictures of cars. He **drew** pictures of flying machines.
2. Margaret Thatcher  an actress. She **became** the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
3. Shakespeare  *Great Expectations*. Charles Dickens **wrote** it.
4. According to some people, Alexander Graham Bell  the telephone. Antonio Meucci **invented** it.
5. Albert Einstein  history. He **taught** maths and physics.
6. Fifty years ago, people  e-mails. They sent letters.

- 4 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct form of the Past Simple. Type the answers. Then check.

## Florence Nightingale

About 160 years ago, hospitals were very dirty places. Many people <sup>1</sup>  (die) because they <sup>2</sup>  (not have) any food, clean blankets or equipment. During the Crimean War of 1853-1856, the British army <sup>3</sup>  (open) a hospital in Turkey. Florence Nightingale <sup>4</sup>  (be) a British nurse. She <sup>5</sup>  (hear) about the terrible conditions in the hospital and <sup>6</sup>  (decide) to help. What <sup>7</sup>  she  (do)? She <sup>8</sup>  (take) blankets, clothes and medicine to the hospital and <sup>9</sup>  (wash) the dirty floors. It was difficult because the army <sup>10</sup>  (not want) to help her. After the war, Florence Nightingale <sup>11</sup>  (not stop) her important work. She <sup>12</sup>  (organise) a training school for nurses in Britain, and soon hospitals everywhere <sup>13</sup>  (become) cleaner and safer.

