

Review Exercise: Simple Past, Prepositions & Sentence Structure

1. Simple Past Tense (Affirmative, Negative, Interrogative, and Wh-Questions)

Complete the sentences or write the correct form of the verb in the Simple Past.

1. Ancient civilizations _____ (build) impressive monuments without modern technology.
2. _____ the ancient Greeks trade goods across the Mediterranean sea? Yes, they _____
3. The Romans _____ (not/use) electricity or plastic in their daily lives.
4. What _____ the explorers discover when they arrived in the new territory?
5. She _____ (speak) fluent Spanish during her trip to South America last year.
6. _____ you visit the historical museum last weekend?

No, I _____ .
7. The historian _____ (write) a detailed book about medieval architecture.

2. Emphatic "Did" & "Used to" for Past Habits

Rewrite or complete the sentences using either the emphatic "did" or "used to".

1. I _____ (ride) a bicycle to school every day when I was a child, but I don't anymore.
2. A: You didn't study history yesterday! B: I _____ study history! I spent three hours reading the textbook. (*Use the emphatic "did"*)
3. My grandparents _____ (live) in a small countryside village before moving to the city.
4. She didn't like vegetables when she was younger, but now she loves them. →
She _____ like vegetables. (*Use "used to" / negative*)

5. _____ you _____ (play) a musical instrument when you were younger?
6. A: You never call me on weekends! B: I _____ call you last Sunday! Don't you remember? (*Use the emphatic "did"*)
7. People _____ (travel) mostly by horse and carriage centuries ago.

3. Prepositions of Movement and Direction

Choose the correct preposition of movement (**across, through, into, onto, up, down, past**) to complete each sentence.

1. The hikers walked _____ the dense forest to reach the mountain peak.
2. She threw her coat _____ the bed and sat down to rest.
3. The train went _____ a long dark tunnel before arriving at the station.
4. He walked _____ the post office without noticing his friend standing outside.
5. They drove _____ the bridge to cross the wide river.
6. The cat climbed _____ the tall tree to chase a bird.
7. Please step _____ the room and make yourself comfortable.

4. Dependent Prepositions (Adjectives, Nouns, and Verbs + Prepositions)

Fill in the correct dependent preposition (**to, about, in, for, with, of, from**) to complete each phrase.

1. Are you interested _____ learning about ancient world history?
2. She is very good _____ solving complex mathematical problems.
3. He apologized _____ breaking his friend's favorite coffee mug.
4. Many citizens suffer _____ financial stress during economic crises.
5. I am completely tired _____ running on the treadmill every single morning.
6. Are you afraid _____ speaking in public during presentations?
7. We need to focus _____ finishing this project before the deadline.