

Grammar Focus: Simple Past Tense

Notes

1) The simple past tense is used to show an action that happened in the past.

2) Regular verbs are verbs that end in "ed". The spelling rules of regular verbs are as follows:

Regular verbs

(a) Add "ed"

Examples:

- call → called
- play → played
- kick → kicked
- work → worked

(c) for verbs ending in "y", change "y" into "ied"

Examples:

marry → married

- bully → bullied
- study → studied
- work → worked
- try → tried

(b) for verbs ending in "e", add "d"

Examples:

- bake → baked
- die → died
- dance → danced
- live → lived

(d) for verb ending in a consonant preceded by a vowel, double the final consonant and add

Examples:

- beg → begged
- plan → planned
- chop → chopped
- stop → stopped

3) Irregular verbs are verbs that do not end in "ed".

Irregular verbs

(a) Change the whole verb completely.

Examples:

- buy →
- eat →
- go →
- sleep →
- swim →
- write →
- see →
- take →
- stand →

(b) Irregular verbs do not change in spelling.

Examples:

- cut → cut
- hit → hit
- put → put
- read → read
- set → set
- shut → shut
- spread → spread
- beat → beat

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5) The common time expressions used with simple past tense are: - yesterday

- just now

- last week

- last nightetc.

Examples:

- Joan **was** very tired last night.
- Mr Shiva **bought** a car last week.
- The boy **fell** into the river just now.
- I **went** to the post office yesterday.

Regular verbs**(a) Add "ed"****Exercise 1**

◎ Change the verbs into their past tense form.

1. call → _____

5. fix → _____

2. melt → _____

6. play → _____

3. repair → _____

7. work → _____

4. watch → _____

8. kick → _____

Regular verbs**(b) for verbs ending in "e", add "d"****Exercise 2**

◎ Change the verbs into their past tense form.

1. celebrate → _____

5. lie → _____

2. dance → _____

6. bake → _____

3. invite → _____

7. share → _____

4. live → _____

8. tie → _____

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Regular verbs

(c) for verbs ending in "y", change "y" into "ied"

Exercise 3

● Change the verbs into their past tense form.

1. copy → _____

5. try → _____

2. carry → _____

6. bury → _____

3. hurry → _____

7. worry → _____

4. marry → _____

8. study → _____

Regular verbs

(d) Double the final consonant and add "ed"

Exercise 4

● Change the verbs into their past tense form.

1. clap → _____

5. skip → _____

2. stop → _____

6. slip → _____

3. drag → _____

7. wrap → _____

4. grab → _____

8. mop → _____

Irregular verbs

(a) Change the whole verb completely.

Exercise 5

● Change the verbs into their past tense form.

1. see → _____

7. eat → _____

2. drink → _____

8. take → _____

3. buy → _____

9. catch → _____

4. fly → _____

10. break → _____

5. go → _____

11. find → _____

6. teach → _____

12. give → _____

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Exercise 6

● Change the verbs into their past tense form.

- 1 want
- 2 jump
- 3 check
- 4 cry
- 5 laugh
- 6 receive
- 7 scream
- 8 climb
- 9 burn

- 10 speak
- 11 teach
- 12 read
- 13 give
- 14 run
- 15 find
- 16 tell
- 17 cut
- 18 sleep

Exercise 7

● Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs.

1. The dentist _____ my teeth **yesterday**. (check)
2. We _____ at his funny joke **just now**. (laugh)
3. The boys _____ an old coin in the garden **few hours ago**. (find)
4. Grandfather _____ us many stories of the war **last night**. (tell)
5. Mrs Lily _____ us Science and Mathematics **last year**. (teach)
6. Tommy _____ a letter from his pen pal in India **just now**. (receive)
7. We _____ up 300 steps to get to the top of the cave on **last weekend**. (climb)

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Exercise 8

● Write the sentences in past tense forms.

1.



(build)

Last holiday, I _____

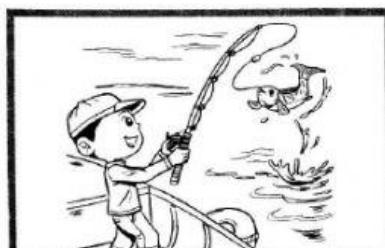
2.



(sing)

Last holiday, I _____

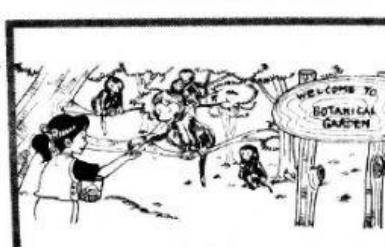
3.



(catch)

Last holiday, I _____

4.



(visit)

Last holiday, I _____

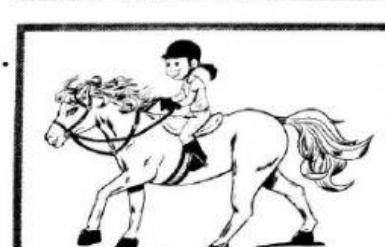
5.



(hike)

Last holiday, I _____

6.



(ride)

Last holiday, I _____

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Exercise 9

● Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

{ — — } { — — } { — — } { — — } { — — }

My family and I (1) trekking during the holiday. It (2) a



long trail. It was tiring but fun. We also went kayaking in a river. We (3)



butterflies and birds. We went to a waterfall too. We (4) in the

water and (5) a picnic. We enjoyed ourselves that day.

