

## PAST SIMPLE EXERCISES

**Tell the story – fill in the past simple tense.**

On Friday, the children ..... **talked** ..... (talk) about a day out together in the country. The next morning, they ..... **went** ..... (go) to the country with their two dogs and ..... (play) together. Ben and Dave ..... (have) some kites. Some time later the dogs ..... (be) not there. So they ..... (call) them and ..... (look) for them in the forest. After half an hour the children ..... (find) them and ..... (take) them back. Charlie ..... (be) very happy to see them again. At lunch time Nick ..... (go) to the bikes and ..... (fetch) the basket with some meat sandwiches. Then they ..... (play) football. Nick and Dave ..... (win). In the evening they ..... (ride) home.

**Fill in the correct simple past forms.**

The students of class 8B ..... (do) a project last week. First the pupils ..... (choose) what they wanted to do. Then they ..... (get) information from books and brochures, and they ..... (talk) to a lot of people. They ..... (find) some interesting photos in the library. Their teacher ..... (help) them when they ..... (ask) her. Then they ..... (make) a poster and a video and ..... (tell) the other groups about their project.

**Change affirmative sentences into negative.**

Paula wrote back.

Paula ..... **didn't write** ..... back.

We arrived late.

We ..... late.

They were at the party yesterday.

They ..... at the party yesterday.

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He played football.

He ..... football.

He washed the car.

He ..... the car.

Sam was tired.

Sam ..... tired.

Martin visited his grandparents.

Martin ..... his grandparents.

She tidied her room.

She ..... her room.

He jumped high.

He ..... high.

Steve left the hotel three days ago.

Steve ..... the hotel.

She was in Italy last summer.

She ..... in Italy last summer.

Mr Brown read my essay.

Mr Brown ..... my essay.

**Change sentences into questions.**

He ate his toast.

..... Did he eat his toast .....?

They lived in Boston.

.....?

We were on the beach.

.....?

Peter stayed out late.

.....?

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Susan bought a new car.

.....?

The ring was expensive.

.....?

He ate spaghetti.

.....?

I met Helen.

.....?

He slept well last night.

.....?

### Fill the gaps.

She ..... **cooked** ..... well. (cook)

I ..... **saw** ..... a very good play last night. (see)

She ..... the book and read a few lines. (open)

He ..... many people on his way to work. (meet)

The doctor ..... him to stop smoking. (tell)

Our team ..... the race yesterday. (win)

I ..... very good music. (hear)

I ..... on my chair. (sit)

We ..... on horseback during our holidays. (ride)

He ..... well. (sleep)

I ..... buy some more food. (have to)

You ..... your milk quickly. (drink)

We ..... in the lake. (swim)

He ..... many jokes when he was at school. (know)

Last night, we ..... dinner at seven o'clock. (eat)

Last year, I ..... to England on holiday. (go)

It ..... fantastic. (be)

I ..... lots of interesting places. (visit)

I ..... with my two friends. (be)

In the mornings, we ..... in the streets of London. (walk)

In the evenings, we ..... to pubs. (go)

The weather ..... fine. (be)

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### Create affirmative sentences.

Janet / miss / the bus → Janet missed the bus.

she / tidy / her room → .....

Nancy / watch / not / television → .....

she / read / a book → .....

### Choose "Was" or "Were".

The teacher ..... nice.

The students ..... very clever.

But one student ..... in trouble.

We ..... sorry for him.

He ..... nice though.

### Create negative sentences.

Ex. he / dinner / eat    He didn't eat dinner.

we / a mountain / climb .....

we / in London / live .....

I / hungry / be .....

they / a hamster / have .....

### Rewrite the sentences in the negative.

They collected postcards. →    They did not collect postcards.

You jumped high. → .....

Albert played squash. → .....

The teacher tested our English. → .....

Fiona visited her grandma. → .....

### Write questions in simple past.

Anna / the window / open

Did Anna open the window?

she / home / walk

..... ?

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you / in the garden / work

.....?

you / a song / sing

.....?

she / on a chair / sit

.....?

you / the castle / visit

.....?

### Create positive sentences.

Mary / in a musical / dance→ Mary danced in a musical.

he / the car / wash→ .....

we / fish / eat→ .....

the children / on the floor / sleep→ .....

Benjamin / his arm / break→ .....

Amelie / the door / close→ .....

### Create negative sentences.

they / races / run→ They didn't run races.

Eric / his homework / forget→ .....

Jamie / all the races / win→ .....

they / us / call→ .....

we / with a family / stay→ .....

### Create questions.

I / early / get up→ Did I get up early?

she / home / walk→ .....

you / in the garden / work→ .....

the children / on the floor / sleep→ .....

I / sad / look→ .....

you / English / speak→ .....