

Past Simple

a. Write the past tense of these regular verbs.

Base form	Past simple	Base form	Past simple	Base form	Past simple
learn	_____	listen	_____	happen	_____
love	_____	plan	_____	enjoy	_____
clap	_____	study	_____	drop	_____
follow	_____	walk	_____	admit	_____
decide	_____	show	_____	carry	_____
want	_____	look	_____	drag	_____
like	_____	stop	_____	start	_____
prefer	_____	mix	_____	watch	_____

b. Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs in parenthesis.

- The Wright brothers _____ a flying toy from their father. (*receive*)
- They _____ with kites. (*play*)
- They _____ about flying. (*dream*)
- They _____ everything they could about flying. (*study*)
- They _____ a bicycle business. (*start*)
- They _____ the bicycle shop to design airplanes. (*use*)
- They _____ to fly their first plane in 1899. (*try*)
- Their _____ first plane. (*crash*)
- They _____ it. (*fix*)
- In 1903, their plane _____ in the air for 12 seconds. (*stay*)
- They _____ their invention to the U.S. government. (*offer*)
- The government _____ to offer them a contract. (*decide*)
- Wilburg Wright _____ in 1912. (*die*)
- Orville Wright _____ for many more years. (*live*)
- Their invention _____ the world. (*change*)

c. Fill in the blanks with the negative form of the **verbs in bold**.

- Goddard **believed** in space flight. Other people _____ in space flight at that time.
- The Wright brothers **dreamed** about flying. They _____ about rockets.
- They **sold** bicycles. They _____ cars.
- Their 1903 airplane **had** a pilot. Their first airplane _____ a pilot.
- The Wright brothers **wanted** to show their airplane to the U.S. government. The government _____ to see it at first.
- The Wright brothers **built** the first airplane. They _____ the first rocket.
- Goddard **thought** his ideas were important. His colleagues _____ his ideas were important.
- He **wanted** to build rockets. He _____ to build airplanes.
- In 1920, a newspaper **wrote** that he was foolish. The newspaper _____ about the possibility of rocket travel.
- In 1926 his rocket **flew**. Before that time, his rockets _____.
- The first rocket **stayed** in the air for 2½ seconds. It _____ in the air for a long time.
- Goddard **saw** his rockets fly. He _____ rockets go to the moon.
- In 1957, the Russians **put** the first man in space. The Americans _____ the first man in space.
- In 1969, the first Americans **walked** on the moon. Russians _____ on the moon.
- A rocket **went** to the moon in 1969. A rocket _____ to the moon during Goddard's lifetime.

d. Write questions in Simple Past Tense.

1. He / phone / a friend an hour ago.
2. My father / buy / a jeep last week.
3. The girls / wear / skirts to the party.
4. I / wash / my hair last night.
5. Jane / send / four e-mails to Lisa.
6. The film / end / very late last week.
7. They / go / to bed at midnight.
8. She / have / lunch in an Italian restaurant.

e. Fill in the blanks with the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She _____ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. What time _____ (he / get up) yesterday?
4. Where _____ (you / get off) the train?
5. I _____ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
6. We _____ (wake up) very late.
7. What _____ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
8. I _____ (receive) £300 when my uncle _____ (die).
9. We _____ (not / use) the computer last night.
10. _____ (she / make) good coffee?
11. They _____ (live) in Paris.
12. She _____ (read) the newspaper yesterday.
13. I _____ (not / watch) TV.
14. He _____ (not / study) for the exam.
15. _____ (he / call) you?
16. _____ (I / forget) something?
17. What time _____ (the film / start)?
18. He _____ (have) a shower.
19. Why _____ (you / come)?
20. _____ (he / go) to the party?