

Worksheet 1

Past simple Review

TO BE : Was / were

POSITIVE	I He She It You We They	was were
NEGATIVE	I He She It You We They	was not wasn't were not weren't
QUESTION	Was Were	I He She It You We They ?

I. Complete with the correct form of the verb **TO BE** in past tense.

1. Mary and Susan _____ ill yesterday.
2. The weather _____ very hot last Saturday.
3. The students _____ at the theater last night.
4. Betty _____ in Germany last summer.
5. My brother and I _____ at the football stadium two days ago.
6. _____ it cold yesterday?

II. Complete the text with the correct form of the verb **TO BE** in PAST TENSE.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy _____ two of the most popular film comedians of all time. They _____ born in 1890 and 1892 respectively. Stan Laurel's real name _____ Arthur Jefferson. He _____ from England. Oliver Hardy _____ English, he was from Georgia, USA. Laurel and Hardy _____ in their late 30s when they met. Their first film together _____ Putting Pants on Philip (1927). They _____ funny because they were so different. Laurel _____ small and thin. Hardy _____ big and fat. Their most famous films _____ Way Out West (1937) and Blockheads (1938).

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III. Write the **NEGATIVE** form of the verb **TO BE** in **PAST TENSE**.

1. My friend _____ from Venezuela. She was from Nicaragua.
2. The weather _____ good yesterday. It was cloudy and rainy.
3. We _____ in the office. We were in the parking lot.
4. The students _____ bored 2 days ago. They were tired.
5. He _____ a business man. He was a an employee.

OTHER VERBS: REGULAR VERBS

PAST -ed SPELLING

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INFINITIVE	PAST	SPELLING
watch play	watched played	➔ general rule add -ed
like arrive	liked arrived	➔ after -e add -d
study try	studied tried	➔ after consonant + -y delete -y and add -ied
stop rob	stopped robbed	➔ consonant + vowel + cons. double consonant + -ed

IV. Transform the verb into the PAST TENSE as in the example.

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| 1. Watch | _____ | 7. Rain | _____ |
| 2. Fix | _____ | 8. Smile | _____ |
| 3. Open | _____ | 9. Work | _____ |
| 4. Laugh | _____ | 10. Try | _____ |
| 5. Cry | _____ | 11. Have | _____ |
| 6. Die | _____ | 12. Wash | _____ |

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V. Look at the rules and complete the text with the correct form of the verb in parenthesis in **PAST TENSE**.

1. You _____ (arrive) in England last week.
2. My mum _____ (study) Russian at university.
3. I _____ (phone) you yesterday, but you weren't at home.
4. Last night, Marga and Alice _____ (plan) their holiday.
5. Tom _____ (invite) us to his birthday party.
6. The children _____ (carry) the books to the classroom.
7. We _____ (finish) the exam at half past three.
8. I _____ (chat) to Jane about films and fashion.
9. My father _____ (work) all night on the computer.
10. I _____ (move) to Cochabamba when I was 17.
11. My brother _____ (study) English when he was in high school.
12. Sussie _____ (cry) when she lost her phone.