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.

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

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

1. Goddard **believed** in space flight. Other people _____ in space flight at that time.
2. The Wright brothers **dreamed** about flying. They _____ about rockets.
3. They **sold** bicycles. They _____ cars.
4. Their 1903 airplane **had** a pilot. Their first airplane _____ a pilot.
5. The Wright brothers **wanted** to show their airplane to the U.S. government. The government _____ to see it at first.
6. The Wright brothers **built** the first airplane. They _____ the first rocket.
7. Goddard **thought** his ideas were important. His colleagues _____ his ideas were important.
8. He **wanted** to build rockets. He _____ to build airplanes.
9. In 1920, a newspaper **wrote** that he was foolish. The newspaper _____ about the possibility of rocket travel.
10. In 1926 his rocket **flew**. Before that time, his rockets _____ .
11. The first rocket **stayed** in the air for 2½ seconds. It _____ in the air for a long time.
12. Goddard **saw** his rockets fly. He _____ rockets go to the moon.
13. In 1957, the Russians **put** the first man in space. The Americans _____ the first man in space.
14. In 1969, the first Americans **walked** on the moon. Russians _____ on the moon.
15. 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?

Writing (10 points)**:** Use the simple past to describe an important event in your life. (70 words)