

Grade 8 English Summative Quiz: Mastery of the Simple Past

Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Class/Section: _____

General Instructions: Please read all questions carefully before answering.

SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (10 QUESTIONS)

40 Points (4 points each)

Directions: Select the correct past tense form for the verb provided in the context of the sentence.

1. Last summer, our family _____ to the coast for a holiday.
A) travel B) travelled C) travels D) travelling
2. The student _____ the difficult question correctly during the lesson yesterday.
A) answer B) answering C) answered D) answers
3. We _____ the mountain trail for three hours before reaching the summit.
A) climbed B) climb C) climbing D) climbs
4. I _____ my homework at 8:00 PM last night.
A) finishes B) finish C) finishing D) finished
5. The chef _____ a delicious meal for the community dinner.
A) cooked B) cook C) cooks D) cooking
6. During the lunch break, Sarah _____ a large apple.
A) eat B) eats C) eaten D) ate
7. My brother _____ his heavy backpack to school this morning.
A) brings B) brought C) bring D) bringing
8. I _____ a rare bird in the garden yesterday afternoon.
A) seen B) see C) saw D) sees
9. The principal _____ to the students about the upcoming sports day.
A) spoken B) speak C) spoke D) speaking
10. He _____ a long letter to his grandmother last weekend.
A) written B) writes C) writing D) wrote

SECTION B: CONTEXTUAL SENTENCE COMPLETION (8 QUESTIONS)

40 Points (5 points each)

Directions: Complete the following story about a school trip by writing the correct past tense form of the verb provided in parentheses.

Our school trip (1) _____ (start) early on Tuesday morning. We
(2) _____ (go) by bus to the city museum to see the new exhibit. After we
arrived, we (3) _____ (walk) through the main entrance and
(4) _____ (take) our seats for the orientation. Our class
(5) _____ (visit) the ancient history gallery first, where we
(6) _____ (make) sketches of the various artefacts. We

(7) _____ (listen) carefully to the guide's stories about the past. Before leaving, my best friend (8) _____ (buy) a small postcard from the gift shop.

SECTION C: SHORT NARRATIVE ESSAY (2 QUESTIONS)

20 Points (10 points each)

Prompt 1: The Weekend Recap Write a 5-sentence paragraph about an activity you finished last week.

Prompt 2: The Unexpected Day Write a 5-sentence paragraph about a surprising or interesting event.
