

Past simple exercise

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the right forms of the verbs in brackets.

Last Easter holidays Jimmy and Paul _____ (go) camping in the mountain. They _____ (spend) a wonderful time there. They _____ (wake up) early in the morning and then they _____ (go) for a walk. In the village they _____ (buy) everything they _____ (need). In the afternoon they _____ (play) football, _____ (watch) the birds and _____ (swim) in the river. They _____ (not have) a TV set, so after dinner they _____ (talk) for a while and then they _____ (go) to sleep.

One night, Jimmy _____ (have) a very strange dream: they _____ (be) by the river watching the moon. Suddenly they _____ (hear) someone calling "Hello! Hello!" They _____ (turn) around and they _____ (see) a strange creature. It _____ (be) green and very small. He _____ (invite) them to go to his spaceship. There they _____ (meet) other strange creatures and a beautiful princess. They _____ (sit) down round a table and they _____ (eat) some strange food. Jimmy _____ (drink) a glass of fruit juice. It _____ (taste) good so he _____ (ask) for another glass of it. After a while he _____ (feel) a bit strange.

Oh, dear...he _____ (turn) green and small like the others. The princess _____ (not be) beautiful anymore and she _____ (look) horrible.

What was happening? He _____ (open) his eyes and ... what a relief! It _____ (be) only a dream!

Exercise 2: Fill in the gaps with the affirmative past form of the verb in brackets:

1. My father _____ to Paris last week. (travel)
2. I _____ a dictionary yesterday. (buy)
3. Peter _____ an email. (send)
4. My mother _____ French at school. (study)
5. Sue _____ me a nice birthday present. (give)
6. We _____ at home last night. (be)
7. It _____ a lot last week. (rain)

8. Lots of people _____ to Hawaii on holiday. (fly)
9. Dan _____ a nice poem. (write)
10. Mum _____ a great cake. (bake)

Exercise 3: Put the verbs in brackets in the negative past form:

1. The children _____ to school yesterday. (come)
2. Peter _____ ill last week. (be)
3. We _____ the film. (like)
4. Tom _____ English fluently. (speak)
5. I _____ Sue at the pub. (meet)
6. Grandma _____ very fast. (drive)
7. Peter _____ a birthday party. (have)
8. Paula _____ Mr Smith's explanation. (understand)
9. I _____ a letter from Terry. (receive)
10. Mum _____ pasta. (cook)
11. We _____ to school. (go)

Exercise 4: Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Rewrite them:

1. Peter didn't sang very well.
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2. Did Anne studies French?
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3. We didn't be late for school yesterday.
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4. Harry runned very fast.
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5. Does Susan saw you?
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6. It rained cats and dogs on Friday.
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7. Tony plaied the guitar in a pop group.
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8. Paul didn't the homework.
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Exercise 5: Fill in the gaps with the right form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Daisy _____ (bring) some chocolates to the birthday party.
2. I _____ (hear) a new song on the radio.
3. The Smiths _____ (speak) Italian to the waitress.
4. Peter _____ (understand) during the class, but now he doesn't understand.
5. My mother _____ (forget) to buy some milk.
6. Susan _____ (have) a baby in August.
7. We _____ (lose) our keys last Friday.
8. They _____ (swim) 500m yesterday afternoon.
9. I _____ (give) my mother a CD for her birthday.
10. At the age of 23, she _____ (become) a teacher.
11. I _____ (know) the answer yesterday.
12. Peter _____ (tell) me that he lived in New York.
13. We _____ (lend) John €200.
14. She _____ (drink) too much coffee yesterday.
15. The children _____ (sleep) in the car.
16. He _____ (keep) his promise.
17. We _____ (choose) the steak for dinner.
18. The film _____ (begin) late.
19. They _____ (fly) to Madrid.
20. We _____ (drive) to Edinburgh.
21. Mrs. Black _____ (teach) English at the University.
22. They _____ (send) me an e-mail earlier.
23. We _____ (leave) at 7 a.m..

Exercise 6: FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS:

1. When I _____ (be) in Japan I _____ (find) everything very different.
2. Two years ago my parents _____ (buy) a new car.

3. Last summer Peter _____ (spend) his holidays in a summer camp with his friends. They _____ (go) swimming, they _____ (play) football and golf they _____ (visit) many interesting places.
4. My sister _____ (get) a good job in a bank.
5. Susan and her cousins _____ (come) to Portugal ten years ago.
6. My sister and her husband _____ (come) from Greece.
7. I _____ (not like) the U2 concert.
8. My cousin _____ (phone) from France yesterday evening.
9. On Monday Johann _____ (go) to school on foot.
10. (they / leave) _____ the country last Saturday?
11. (you / like) _____ the film?
12. They _____ (not finish) the homework yesterday.
13. (she / go) _____ to the cinema with her parents last night?
No, she didn't. She _____ (stay) at home. She _____ (get) a cold.
14. We _____ (go) to Spain by car.
15. I _____ (have) a wonderful holiday with my family last July.
16. (you / travel) _____ to Madrid by car or by plane?
17. Many years ago it _____ (be) very difficult to live without electricity
18. Last year they _____ (buy) a house at the seaside.
19. I _____ (meet) him the day before yesterday.

Exercise 7: Read the text and fill in the blanks with "was-were"

Yesterday great for me. Because my father back to home. My father in Spain last weekend for the business. It the first time when we apart. It a tiring weekend for him and he very

busy. My mother and Iworried about him because he afraid of travelling by plane. After a short flight, hesafe and happy. Because henot afraid of travelling by plane anymore. When he in Spain, though itlate, he phoned us at night as hebusy. Hethere for three days but itlike a decade. We missed him so much. Wevery glad to see him back. Therepresents in his bags for us. Therea scarf for my mother. Itsilk. Therea camera for me. Ita great gift for me.

Exercise 8: Answer the questions according to the text.

- 1) Where was Sandra's father last weekend?
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- 2) Why was yesterday great for her?
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- 3) Why was he there?
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- 4) Who was worried about him?
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- 5) Why were they worried about him?
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- 6) Was he busy when he was in Spain?
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- 7) Was his flight long?
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- 8) What was there in his bags for his family?
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- 9) What was the mother's present?
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- 10) What was Sandra's present?
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Exercise 9: Match the questions with the answers

1) Where was Tina yesterday?	a) I was ill.
2) What was the weather like yesterday?	b) She was happy.
3) How was Marry last night?	c) It was boring.
4) When was the concert?	d) It was yesterday.
5) Was your mother ill yesterday?	e) Yes, she was.
6) Where were you yesterday evening?	f) That was a plate.
7) Who was that old woman near the car?	g) She was at work.
8) Where was your father last weekend?	h) No, it wasn't.
9) How was the movie?	i) It was sunny.
10) What was that?	j) I was in Istanbul.
11) Why weren't you at work yesterday?	k) He was in Spain.
12) Was the weather rainy last weekend?	l) She was my aunt.

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