

## 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 rainned 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 I .....worried about him because he .....afraid of travelling by plane. After a short flight, he .....safe and happy. Because he .....not afraid of travelling by plane anymore. When he .....in Spain, though it .....late, he phoned us at night as he .....busy. He .....there for three days but it .....like a decade. We missed him so much. We .....very glad to see him back. There .....presents in his bags for us. There .....a scarf for my mother. It .....silk. There .....a camera for me. It .....a 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?
- 2) What was the weather like yesterday?
- 3) How was Marry last night?
- 4) When was the concert?
- 5) Was your mother ill yesterday?
- 6) Where were you yesterday evening?
- 7) Who was that old woman near the car?
- 8) Where was your father last weekend?
- 9) How was the movie?
- 10) What was that?
- 11) Why weren't you at work yesterday?
- 12) Was the weather rainy last weekend?

- a) I was ill.
- b) She was happy.
- c) It was boring.
- d) It was yesterday.
- e) Yes, she was.
- f) That was a plate.
- g) She was at work.
- h) No, it wasn't.
- i) It was sunny.
- j) I was in Istanbul.
- k) He was in Spain.
- l) She was my aunt.

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