

PAST SIMPLE

REGULAR & IRREGULAR VERBS – AFFIRMATIVE · NEGATIVE · INTERROGATIVE

NAME _____

DATE _____

CLASS _____

► TRANSMISSION FROM THE UPSIDE DOWN – READ BEFORE YOU WRITE

AFF · AFFIRMATIVEverb + **-ed** (regular)**irregular form** (go → went)**NEG · NEGATIVE****didn't + base verb****wasn't / weren't** (verb be)**INT · INTERROGATIVE****Did + subject + base verb?****Was / Were + subject ...?****WARNING:** after *did* and *didn't* the verb goes back to its base form – no *-ed*, no irregular past. *She didn't go*, never *she didn't went*.**A Complete the sentences** with the past simple of the verb in brackets. The tag on the right tells you which form to use.1 Mike _____ (**invite**) Eleven into his family's basement.**AFF**2 Will _____ (**not / come**) home for dinner that November night.**NEG**3 Joyce _____ (**buy**) three hundred Christmas lights in one afternoon.**AFF**4 _____ Dustin _____ (**keep**) a strange little creature in his room?**INT**5 The police _____ (**not / believe**) Joyce's story at first.**NEG**6 Eleven _____ (**throw**) the van over the boys' heads.**AFF**7 _____ Nancy and Jonathan _____ (**investigate**) the laboratory together?**INT**8 Lucas _____ (**not / trust**) Eleven at the beginning.**NEG**9 Max _____ (**skate**) past the arcade every afternoon.**AFF**10 _____ Steve and Robin good at keeping secrets? (**be**)**INT**

PAST SIMPLE — PART A (CONT.)

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- 11 Billy _____ (not / listen) to his sister's warnings. NEG
- 12 The party _____ (fight) the monster with a slingshot and a bat. AFF
- 13 _____ Hopper _____ (find) the gate to the Upside Down? INT
- 14 The Upside Down _____ (not / be) a safe place for anyone. NEG
- 15 Jonathan _____ (photograph) the woods behind the house. AFF
- 16 _____ Erica _____ (help) the older kids inside the secret base? INT
- 17 Steve _____ (not / know) how dangerous the tunnels were. NEG
- 18 The kids _____ (use) walkie-talkies to talk across town. AFF
- 19 _____ Eleven _____ (lose) her powers after the battle? INT
- 20 The monster from the Upside Down _____ (not / win) in the end. NEG

EMERGENCY SIGNAL • PAST FORMS (SCRAMBLED — ONLY IF YOU GET STUCK):

bought • came • fought • found • kept • knew • lost • threw • was / were • won

PART B • YOUR OWN TRANSMISSION

Write **three** true sentences about last weekend: one affirmative, one negative and one question for a classmate.

AUXILIARY VERBS NEVER LIE — BUT THEY DO DISAPPEAR IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ANSWER KEY

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1 invited — regular

2 didn't come — irregular, base form

3 bought — irregular

4 Did ... keep — base form

5 didn't believe

6 threw — irregular

7 Did ... investigate

8 didn't trust

9 skated — regular (-e + d)

10 Were — verb be, no auxiliary

11 didn't listen

12 fought — irregular

13 Did ... find

14 wasn't — verb be, no auxiliary

15 photographed — regular

16 Did ... help

17 didn't know — irregular, base form

18 used — regular (-e + d)

19 Did ... lose

20 didn't win

Common traps to watch for: *didn't came* / *Did she went?* (the auxiliary already carries the past); *skated* and *used* only add **-d** because the base form ends in **-e**; items 10 and 14 use *be*, so there is no *did* at all.

Extension: ask students to turn every AFF sentence into a question, and every NEG sentence into an affirmative — 20 more items, no extra photocopies.