

Past Simple – Worksheet

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1. Put the verbs in the following sentences into the simple past tense.

- 1) I go to work by tube.
- 2) I meet him on Thursdays.
- 3) He always wears a tie.
- 4) I make cakes every week.
- 5) She gets up at 6.30.
- 6) He understands me.
- 7) He shuts the shop at 6.00.
- 8) She speaks slowly.
- 9) He leaves the house at 9.00.
- 10) I read a chapter every night.

2. What did you do yesterday? Write positive or negative sentences.

- 1) (watch TV) *I watched TV. or I didn't watch TV.*
- 2) (get up before 7 o'clock) I
- 3) (have a shower)
- 4) (order a pizza)
- 5) (go to the gym)
- 6) (see an interesting film)

3. Put the verbs in the following sentences into (a) the negative (b) the interrogative.

- 1) She saw your brother.
- 2) We heard a terrible noise.
- 3) He slept till 10.00.
- 4) He looked at the picture.
- 5) They drank all the wine.
- 6) They set out early enough.
- 7) She thought about it.
- 8) The police caught the thief.
- 9) He hid the letter.
- 10) She found her watch.

4. Complete the sentences. Use one of these verbs in the past simple:

clean, die, enjoy, finish, happen, open, rain, start, stay

- 1) I *cleaned* my teeth three times yesterday.
- 2) It was hot in the room, so I..... the window.
- 3) The concert..... at 7.30 and..... at 10 o'clock.
- 4) When I was a child, I..... to be a doctor.
- 5) The accident..... last Sunday afternoon.
- 6) It's a nice day today but yesterday it..... all day.
- 7) We our holiday last year. We at a very nice place.
- 8) Ann's grandfather..... when he was 90 years old.

5. Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.

Tuesday Lisa (1) *flew* (fly) from London to Madrid. She (2)..... (get)up at six o'clock in the morning and (3).....(have) a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4).....(leave) home and (5).....(drive) to the airport. When she (6).....(arrive) she (7).....(park) the car and then (8).....(go) to the airport cafe where she (9)(have) breakfast. Then she (10)(go) through passport control and (11).....(wait) for her flight. The plane (12).....(depart) on time and (13).....(arrive) in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14).....(take) a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

6. Write sentences about the past (*yesterday / last week, etc.*).

- 1) Jim always goes to work by car. Yesterday *he went to work by car*.
- 2) Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- 3) Kate meets her friends every evening. She yesterday evening.
- 4) I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I
- 5) We usually go to the cinema on Sundays. Last Sunday we
- 6) I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- 7) Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he
- 8) Our friends come to see us every Friday. They

7. Write the past forms of the irregular verbs in italics.

- 1) I often *see* Tommy. I *saw* him again only yesterday.
- 2) As teenagers, we always each other very well. We still *understand* each other now.
- 3) I hardly Ray's wife. Did you *know* her at all?
- 4) We always *meet* on Sunday. We last Sunday as usual.
- 5) I often *find* things on the beach. I..... this very old bottle yesterday.
- 6) Someone's always *leaving* that window open. Who it open this time?
- 7) I..... a lot of letters when I was young. I hardly ever *write* letters now.
- 8) They *sell* all kinds of rubbish now, but they once good handmade furniture.
- 9) She *is* very good at figures, you know. She first in maths at school.
- 10) I *have* the same car now that I..... five years ago.
- 11) I don't *keep* pets now, but I a dog, when I was a boy.
- 12) Where did you *eat* last night? - We at a restaurant.

8. Put one of these verbs in each sentence:

buy, catch, cost, drink, fall, hurt, sell, spend, teach, throw, win, write

- 1) Mozart *wrote* more than 600 pieces of music.
- 2) 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father me.'
- 3) We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we it.
- 4) I was very thirsty. I..... the water very quickly.
- 5) Paul and I played tennis yesterday. He's much better than me, so he easily.
- 6) Don down the stairs this morning and his leg.
- 7) Jim the ball to Sue, who it.
- 8) Ann a lot of money yesterday. She..... a dress which £100.

9. A friend has just come back from holiday. You ask him about it. Write your questions.

- 1) (where/go?) *Where did you go?*
- 2) (go/alone?)
- 3) (food/good?)
- 4) (how long/stay there?)
- 5) (stay/at a hotel?)

- 6) (how/travel?)
- 7) (the weather/fine?)
- 8) (what/do in the evenings?)
- 9) (meet anybody interesting?)

10. Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- 1) It was warm, so I *took* off my coat. (take)
- 2) The film wasn't very good. I *didn't enjoy* it very much. (enjoy)
- 3) I knew Sarah was very busy, so I..... her. (disturb)
- 4) I was very tired, so I..... to bed early. (go)
- 5) The bed was very uncomfortable. I very well. (sleep)
- 6) Sue wasn't hungry, so she anything. (eat)
- 7) We went to Kate's house but she at home. (be)
- 8) It was a funny situation but nobody (laugh)
- 9) The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)
- 10) The hotel wasn't very expensive. It..... very much. (cost)