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Simple Past Tense Worksheets

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1. What is the Simple Past Tense? (Definition)

The Simple Past Tense is used to describe actions, events, or habits that started and finished completely at a specific time in the past.

- **Example:** I visited my grandparents last weekend. (The visit is completely over.)

2. The 4 Forms of Past Tense

Sentence Type	Formula	Example
Positive (Affirmative)	Subject + **Verb (V2)** + Object	She **baked** a delicious cake yesterday.
Negative	Subject + **did not (didn't) + Base Verb (V1)** + Object	She **did not bake** a cake yesterday.
Yes / No Question	**Did** + Subject + **Base Verb (V1)** + Object + **?**	**Did** she **bake** a cake yesterday?
Wh- Question	**Wh-word + did** + Subject + **Base Verb (V1)** + **?**	**When did** she **bake** the cake?

Golden Rule: Always use the base form of the verb (V1) after did or didn't. Never use two past-tense verbs together.

- **Incorrect:** He didn't went to school.
- **Correct:** He didn't go to school.

When to Use the Simple Past Tense

Completed Actions in the Past: Actions that finished at a known time.

- The train arrived at 6:00 AM.

Past Habits or Routines: Things you did regularly in the past, but do not do now.

- When I was younger, I walked to school every day.

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- Rohan opened the door, switched on the light, and sat down.

Common Time Clue Words (Signal Words)

Look for these time words to quickly spot the Simple Past Tense:

- **Yesterday** (yesterday morning, yesterday evening)
- **Last** (last night, last week, last month, last year)
- **Ago** (ten minutes ago, two days ago, a year ago)
- **In + Past Year** (in 1947, in 2022)

Exmaples:

- I **walked** to school yesterday morning.
- She **baked** a chocolate cake for her brother.
- They **played** soccer in the park last evening.
- We **watched** a funny movie on Saturday.
- He **finished** his homework before dinner.
- The bird **flew** high above the trees.
- Mom **bought** fresh apples from the market.

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Instruction : Change the verbs into past tense!

Read:	Swim:	Help:	Watch:	Study:	Visit:
Write:	Go:	Drink:	Fall:	Walk:	Wash:

Instruction : Write the sentences using Simple Past Tense!

 1. My brother (cook) fried rice.	 2. They (watch) television.	 3. Jane (go) jogging yesterday.	 4. I (visit) my grandparents.
 5. Sally (study) Math last night.	 6. Annie (swim) at the pool.	 7. We (plant) a tree last week.	 8. They (sing) their favourite song.
 9. Mom (shop) for groceries.	 10. The cat (sleep) on the floor.	 11. Susie (play) with her doll.	 12. We (have) dinner at home.

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Instruction : Look at the verbs and write their past forms.

go	_____	take	_____	swim	_____
drink	_____	have	_____	read	_____
eat	_____	fly	_____	come	_____
send	_____	hear	_____	write	_____

Instruction : Complete the sentences with the verbs in Activity.

1. He _____ a heartfelt letter to his best friend.
2. She _____ a delicious smoothie with her friends.
3. They _____ a picnic in the backyard together.
4. He _____ a postcard to his grandparents.
5. She _____ her puppy for a walk by the beach.
6. We _____ a fantastic time at the amusement park.
7. The kid _____ a joke and couldn't stop laughing.
8. They _____ an exciting mystery book under a cozy blanket.
9. I _____ on an adventure to a hidden treasure in the woods.
10. She _____ to school wearing a cape.

Instruction : Match the questions with their answers.

1. What did you do last weekend?	☐	**a.** I went hiking in the mountains.
2. Why did you wake up early today?	☐	**b.** Yes, they made delicious cookies.
3. Did Sarah win the race?	☐	**c.** No, I couldn't make it.
4. Did you go to the concert on Friday?	☐	**d.** Because I had an exciting field trip.
5. Where did Lisa go for her vacation?	☐	**e.** Yes, she crossed the finish line first.
6. Did Tim and Lily bake cookies?	☐	**f.** She traveled to a beach in Hawaii.
7. What did she order at the restaurant?	☐	**g.** She ordered a tasty chicken salad.

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Instruction : Fill in each blank with the correct Simple Past Tense form of the verb given in parentheses.

- Yesterday, Sarah _____ (walk) to the library with her younger brother.
- We _____ (watch) a thrilling basketball game on television last night.
- The chef _____ (bake) fifty fresh loaves of bread early this morning.
- My family _____ (visit) the natural history museum during our summer vacation.
- Rohan _____ (finish) his science project two days before the deadline.
- The little puppy _____ (jump) excitedly over the garden fence.
- Last winter, it _____ (snow) heavily in the mountain village.
- She _____ (write) a thoughtful thank-you letter to her teacher.
- They _____ (buy) fresh strawberries and oranges from the local market.
- The school bus _____ (arrive) at the gate ten minutes early today.
- A small blue bird _____ (fly) straight through the open window.
- Did you _____ (see) the bright shooting star in the night sky?
- He _____ (not / eat) his breakfast because he woke up late.
- The students _____ (study) hard for their final mathematics exam.
- Mom _____ (pack) sandwiches and juice boxes for our picnic.
- The goalkeeper _____ (catch) the ball just before it crossed the line.
- We _____ (swim) in the cool lake for nearly an hour yesterday.
- Ananya _____ (clean) her messy desk before going to sleep.
- The loud thunder _____ (scare) our cat during the midnight storm.
- Yesterday evening, I _____ (read) three chapters of my new adventure book.

Instruction : **Read each sentence carefully. Circle True if the Simple Past Tense verb is used correctly, or False if it has a mistake.**

- Yesterday, my younger sister walked to the neighborhood park with our dog. [True / False]
- Did you saw the colorful hot air balloon floating over the hills? [True / False]
- The chef baked three dozen chocolate chip cookies for the school fundraiser. [True / False]
- Last winter, a flock of white birds flied south to warmer weather. [True / False]
- We did not went to the amusement park because of the heavy thunderstorm. [True / False]
- Rohan finished his science experiment ten minutes before the bell rang. [True / False]
- The students studied hard for their final history examination last week. [True / False]
- She writed a heartfelt thank-you note to her favorite art teacher. [True / False]
- My parents bought fresh mangoes and sweet oranges from the local market. [True / False]
- They was very excited to see the baby elephant at the wildlife sanctuary. [True / False]
- The school bus arrived at the main gate five minutes early this morning. [True / False]
- He didn't eat his breakfast because he woke up late for school. [True / False]
- The goalkeeper catched the fast-moving football right before the whistle blew. [True / False]
- Last Saturday, we swam in the cool lake for nearly an hour. [True / False]
- Ananya clean her messy study desk before going to bed last night. [True / False]
- The little puppy jumped playfully over the low wooden garden fence. [True / False]
- Did the principal announced the winners of the annual debate competition? [True / False]
- Yesterday evening, I read two exciting chapters of my mystery novel. [True / False]
- The cold wind blowed fiercely through the tall pine trees all night. [True / False]
- Mom packed healthy sandwiches and apple juice for our weekend picnic. [True / False]

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Instruction : Each sentence below has one Simple Past Tense mistake. Find the error and rewrite the entire sentence correctly on the line provided.

- Yesterday, my younger brother goed to the library with his best friend.

- Did you saw the colorful hot air balloon floating over the valley?

- The little blue bird flied straight over the tall oak tree.

- We did not ate our lunch because we were busy finishing the science project.

- She writed a heartfelt thank-you letter to her favorite music teacher.

- They was very excited to see the baby panda at the wildlife park.

- The goalkeeper catched the fast-moving soccer ball right before the whistle blew.

- Last night, Sophia studyed hard for her final mathematics exam.

- Did the principal announced the winners of the spelling bee yesterday?

- Mom buyed fresh strawberries and sweet oranges from the farmers' market.

- The cold winter wind blowed fiercely through the pine trees all night.

- Leo clean his messy study desk before going to bed last night.

- Yesterday afternoon, we swimmed in the cool lake for nearly an hour.
