

SIMPLE PAST TENSE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

Instructions: For each sentence, use the word bank below to fill in the blank with the correct simple past tense form. Convert the infinitive to its past form.

Word Bank:

to walk, to eat, to go, to buy, to play, to read, to meet, to watch, to drive, to write

1. Yesterday, I ____ to the library.
2. Last night, she ____ a hearty dinner.
3. Two days ago, they ____ to the museum.
4. He ____ a new jacket last weekend.
5. We ____ soccer in the park yesterday.
6. You ____ an interesting article yesterday.
7. Last Friday, I ____ my best friend for coffee.
8. She ____ a documentary on TV last night.
9. They ____ to the countryside on Sunday.
10. He ____ a letter to his cousin yesterday.

Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: Rearrange the jumbled words (separated by slashes) to form a correct sentence in the simple past tense.

1. visited / I / last / week / the / art / gallery
 2. picnic / They / in / the / enjoyed / a / park
 3. fixed / He / bicycle / his / on / Saturday
 4. traveled / We / small / a / to / yesterday / town
 5. a / borrowed / She / the / library / from / book / last / Friday
 6. watched / You / play / a / last / night
 7. discovered / I / new / a / cafe / yesterday
 8. drove / He / his / car / early / this / work / to / morning
 9. attended / They / concert / a / last / evening
 10. cooked / We / dinner / for / our / neighbors
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Exercise 3: Find the Error

Instructions: Each sentence below contains an error in its simple past tense form. Identify and rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. I walk to the market yesterday.
2. She eated dinner last night.
3. They goes to the cinema on Friday.
4. He buyed a new phone last week.
5. We played soccer last Sunday, but it rain.
6. You writed a letter yesterday.
7. They was at the concert last night.
8. He eated the cake quickly.
9. I drived to school this morning.
10. She bringed her friend to the party.

Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

Instructions: Choose the sentence that correctly uses the simple past tense.

1. I ____ to the market yesterday.
a) walk b) walked c) walking d) walks
2. She ____ a sandwich for lunch yesterday.
a) eats b) eating c) ate d) eaten
3. They ____ to the beach last weekend.
a) go b) gone c) went d) going
4. He ____ a new pair of shoes last month.
a) buy b) bought c) buying d) buys
5. We ____ football after school yesterday.
a) play b) played c) playing d) plays
6. You ____ an interesting article yesterday.
a) read b) reading c) reads d) rread
7. I ____ an email to my friend last night.
a) write b) wrote c) writing d) written
8. They ____ a movie at the cinema.
a) watched b) watch c) watching d) watches
9. He ____ his car to work this morning.
a) drive b) drove c) driven d) driving
10. She ____ her keys on the table.
a) leave b) leaved c) leaving d) left

Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: For each question, select one option from each bullet point and then write a complete sentence in the simple past tense.

1.

- Subject: I, We
- Verb: to visit
- Complement: the museum, the zoo

2.

- Subject: He, She
- Verb: to enjoy
- Complement: the concert, a delicious meal

3.

- Subject: They, You
- Verb: to find
- Complement: a rare coin, the solution

4.

- Subject: I, He
- Verb: to fix
- Complement: the broken radio, the leaky bike

5.

- Subject: We, They
- Verb: to travel
- Complement: to a new city, across the country

6.

- Subject: You, She
- Verb: to choose
- Complement: the best option, a new book

7.

- Subject: He, I
- Verb: to spend
- Complement: the afternoon reading, the weekend outdoors

8.

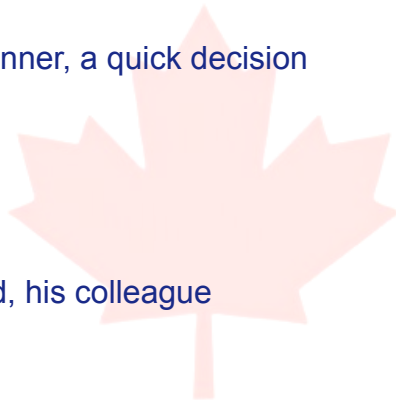
- Subject: They, We
- Verb: to learn
- Complement: a new skill, something interesting

9.

- Subject: I, You
- Verb: to make
- Complement: a tasty dinner, a quick decision

10.

- Subject: She, He
- Verb: to call
- Complement: her friend, his colleague



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SIMPLE PAST TENSE SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

(Sample correct answers – alternative valid responses are acceptable)

1. Yesterday, I **walked** to the library.
2. Last night, she **ate** a hearty dinner.
3. Two days ago, they **went** to the museum.
4. He **bought** a new jacket last weekend.
5. We **played** soccer in the park yesterday.
6. You **read** an interesting article yesterday.
7. Last Friday, I **met** my best friend for coffee.
8. She **watched** a documentary on TV last night.
9. They **drove** to the countryside on Sunday.
10. He **wrote** a letter to his cousin yesterday.

Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

(One acceptable ordering for each)

1. I visited the art gallery last week.
2. They enjoyed a picnic in the park.
3. He fixed his bicycle on Saturday.
4. We traveled to a small town yesterday.
5. She borrowed a book from the library last Friday.
6. You watched a play last night.
7. I discovered a new cafe yesterday.
8. He drove his car to work early this morning.
9. They attended a concert last evening.
10. We cooked dinner for our neighbors.

Exercise 3: Find the Error

(Identify the error and provide the corrected sentence)

1. **Error:** I walk to the market yesterday.
Correction: I walked to the market yesterday.
2. **Error:** She eated dinner last night.
Correction: She ate dinner last night.
3. **Error:** They goes to the cinema on Friday.
Correction: They went to the cinema on Friday.
4. **Error:** He buyed a new phone last week.
Correction: He bought a new phone last week.
5. **Error:** We played soccer last Sunday, but it rain.
Correction: We played soccer last Sunday, but it rained.
6. **Error:** You writed a letter yesterday.
Correction: You wrote a letter yesterday.
7. **Error:** They was at the concert last night.
Correction: They were at the concert last night.
8. **Error:** He eated the cake quickly.
Correction: He ate the cake quickly.
9. **Error:** I drived to school this morning.
Correction: I drove to school this morning.
10. **Error:** She bringed her friend to the party.
Correction: She brought her friend to the party.

Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

(Correct answers indicated)

1. I _____ to the market yesterday.

Answer: **b) walked**

2. She _____ a sandwich for lunch yesterday.

Answer: **c) ate**

3. They _____ to the beach last weekend.

Answer: **c) went**

4. He _____ a new pair of shoes last month.

Answer: **b) bought**

5. We _____ football after school yesterday.

Answer: **b) played**

6. You _____ an interesting article yesterday.

Answer: **a) read**

(Note: "read" in past is spelled the same, pronounced "red")

7. I _____ an email to my friend last night.

Answer: **b) wrote**

8. They _____ a movie at the cinema.

Answer: **a) watched**

9. He _____ his car to work this morning.

Answer: **b) drove**

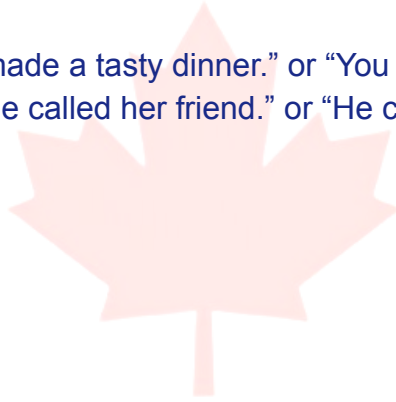
10. She _____ her keys on the table.

Answer: **d) left**

Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

(One acceptable answer per question – other valid combinations are acceptable)

1. **Possible Answer:** “I visited the museum.” or “We visited the zoo.”
2. **Possible Answer:** “She enjoyed the concert.” or “He enjoyed a delicious meal.”
3. **Possible Answer:** “They found a rare coin.” or “You found the solution.”
4. **Possible Answer:** “I fixed the broken radio.” or “He fixed the leaky bike.”
5. **Possible Answer:** “We traveled to a new city.” or “They traveled across the country.”
6. **Possible Answer:** “She chose the best option.” or “You chose a new book.”
7. **Possible Answer:** “I spent the afternoon reading.” or “He spent the weekend outdoors.”
8. **Possible Answer:** “We learned a new skill.” or “They learned something interesting.”
9. **Possible Answer:** “I made a tasty dinner.” or “You made a quick decision.”
10. **Possible Answer:** “She called her friend.” or “He called his colleague.”



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