

EXERCISES ON THE PAST SIMPLE

Exercise 1: Put "Was" or "Were" in the gap.

- The teacher nice.
- The students very clever.
- But one student in trouble.
- We sorry for him.
- He nice though.
- I happy.
- You angry.
- She in London last week
- He on holiday.
- It cold.
- We at school.
- You at the cinema.
- They at home.
- The cat on the roof.
- The children in the garden

Exercise 2: Write the correct past simple tense of Tobe.

- Mom and Dad(not be) at home yesterday. They(be) at the hospital.
- The weather..... (be) nice. It(not be) windy and rainy.
- (be) he free all day yesterday?
- When (be) you born?
- He..... (not be) at school. He was at home.
- Were you busy yesterday? Yes, I.....
- It cold last night? No, it..... It was hot.
- Where..... they on Sunday? They..... at the store.
-Nina and Sam strong this morning? No, they.....
-Sam ill last night? Yes,

Exercise 3: Change these sentences into negative and interrogative form.

- She was tired last night. =>
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- I was in London last month.=>
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- They were at Nina's house yesterday.=>
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- She was with him yesterday. =>
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- Tom was at school last Monday.=>
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Exercise 4: Supply the correct past simple tense of verbs in brackets. (Affirmative form)

- I _____ (stay) at home all weekend.
- Angela _____ (go)to the cinema last night.
- My friends _____(have)a great time in Nha Trang last year.
- My vacation in Hue _____ (be) wonderful.
- Last summer I _____(visit) Ngoc Son Temple in Ha Noi.
- My parents _____ (be) very tired after the trip.
- I _____(buy) a lot of gifts for my little sister.
- Lan and Mai _____ (see) sharks, dolphins and turtles at Tri Nguyen aquarium.
- Trung _____ (eat) chicken and rice for dinner.
- They _____ (talk) about their holiday in Hoi An.
- Phuong _____ (return) to Hanoi yesterday.
- We _____ (think) the food _____ (be) delicious.

13. I _____ (work) in a bank for ten years.
14. She _____ (study) French at university.
15. He _____ (travel) through the Middle East last year.
16. She _____ (watch) TV yesterday.
17. We _____ (buy) a new car last weekend.
18. He _____ (think) that he _____ (be) right.
19. I _____ (cook) steak last night.
20. She _____ (write) to her grandmother.

Exercise 5: Supply the correct past simple tense of verbs in brackets. (Negative form)

1. I _____ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She _____ (not/ get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. I _____ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
4. We _____ (not/ wake up) very late.
5. I _____ (not/ receive) £300 when my uncle died
6. We _____ (not / use) the computer last night.
7. He _____ (not/ have) a shower.
8. They _____ (not/ live) in Paris.
9. She _____ (not/ read) the newspaper yesterday.
10. I _____ (not / watch) TV.
11. He _____ (not / study) for the exam.
12. We _____ (not / play) tennis yesterday because it was raining.
13. She _____ (not / meet) him.
14. You _____ (not / call) me.
15. He _____ (not / read) that book.
16. He _____ (not/ work) in a bank
17. I _____ (not / forget) your book.
18. She _____ (not / like) chocolate.

Exercise 6: Supply the correct past simple tense of verbs in brackets. (Interrogative form)

1. Where _____ (she / go)?
2. What _____ (you / do)?
3. _____ (you / wear) your red dress?
4. _____ (you / go) to school yesterday?
5. _____ (she / study) last night?
6. _____ (we / arrive) last?
7. Who _____ (you / meet)?
8. _____ (they / come) to the party?
9. _____ (she / go)?
10. You _____ (meet) a friend.
11. Which _____ (you / like)?
12. What _____ (he / do) at the weekend?
13. What _____ (you / buy) yesterday?
14. _____ (you / have) a good holiday?
15. What time _____ (he / get up) yesterday?
16. Where _____ (you / get off) the train?
17. _____ (she / make) good coffee?
18. What _____ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?

19. _____ (he / call) you?
20. What time _____ (the film / start)?

Exercise 7: Write the questions with “Did.....?” and give the answer with “Yes:

Eg: They played soccer yesterday afternoon

=> Did they play soccer yesterday afternoon? - Yes, they did.

1. He sent a letter to his penpal last week.

2. She taught us English last year.

3. They did their homework carefully.

4. The Robinsons bought a lot of souvenirs.

5. Tourist ate seafood at that famous restaurant.

6. The teacher gave her students a lot of homeworks.

7. His uncle took him to see Cham temple.

8. Liz bought a lot of souvenirs.

9. They put the fish in a big bag.

10. Ba wore the cap with a dolphin on it.

Exercise 8: Complete the following questions with the words given.

1. (where / you / go to school?)
2. (when / she / arrive?)
3. (why / he / eat so much?)
4. (what / they / do yesterday?)
5. (who / you / meet at the party?)
6. (how / she / come to work this morning?)
7. (where / I / leave my glasses?)
8. (when / he / get home last night?)
9. (what / you / do at the weekend?)
10. (why / she / get angry?)

Exercise 9: Supply the correct verb form (Past simple)

1. Yesterday, I (go) _____ to the restaurant with a client.
2. We (drive) _____ around the parking lot for 20 mins to find a parking space.
3. When we (arrive) _____ at the restaurant, the place (be) _____ full.
4. The waitress (ask) _____ us if we (have) reservations.
5. I (say) _____, "No, my secretary forgets to make them."
6. The waitress (tell) _____ us to come back in two hours.
7. My client and I slowly (walk) _____ back to the car.
8. Then we (see) _____ a small grocery store.
9. We (stop) in the grocery store and (buy) _____ some sandwiches.

10. That (be) _____ better than waiting for two hours.
11. I (not go) _____ to school last Sunday.
12. She (get) _____ married last year?
13. What _____-you (do) _____ last night? - I (do) _____ my homework.
14. I (love) _____ him but no more.
15. Yesterday, I (get) _____ up at 6 and (have) _____ - _____ breakfast at 6.30.
16. Last year I (spend) _____ my holiday in Ireland.
17. It (be) _____ great.
18. I (travel) _____ around by car with two friends and we (visit) _____ lots of interesting places.
19. In the evenings we usually (go) _____ to a pub.
20. One night we even (learn) _____ some Irish dances.
21. We (be) _____ very lucky with the weather.
22. It (not / rain) _____ a lot.
23. But we (see) _____ some beautiful rainbows.
24. Where (spend / you) _____ your last holiday?
25. I _____ my Maths homework yesterday. (**do**)
26. _____ Susan _____ to England by plane? (go)
27. They _____ a farm two weeks ago. (visit)
28. Jenny and Peggy _____ their brother. (not/ help)
29. The children _____ at home last weekend. (not/ be)
30. When _____ you _____ this wonderful skirt? (design)

Exercise 10: Choose the best answer:

1. They _____ students yesterday.
a. am b. is c. was d. were
2. They _____ doctors two years ago.
a. am b. is c. was d. were
3. They _____ farmers last month.
a. are b. is c. was d. were
4. We _____ nurses yesterday.
a. are b. is c. was d. were
5. The weather _____ cold yesterday.
a. aren't b. isn't c. wasn't d. weren't
6. I _____ a pupil last week.
a. aren't b. isn't c. wasn't d. weren't
7. These hats _____ new yesterday.
a. aren't b. isn't c. wasn't d. weren't
8. My parents _____ teachers two years ago.
a. are b. is c. was d. were
9. He _____ a mechanic last Monday.
a. aren't b. is c. wasn't d. weren't
10. ... he an engineer yesterday. No, he
a. is/ is n't b. are/aren't c. was/wasn't d. were/weren't
11.It hot last week?
a. am b. is c. was d. were
12. The shops ...open last Monday.

- a. am b. is c. was d. were
13. you a teacher two years ago? Yes ,I.....
a.is/ is n't b.are/aren't c.were/wasn't d.was/weren't
14. WhereNam from yesterday?
a. am b. is c. was d. were
15. Whythey unhappy last Tuesday?
a. am b. is c. was d. were
16. I ... your trip to Nha Trang two years ago.
a.remember b.remembers c.remembered d.rememberred
17. Ba the cap all day yesterday.
a. wear b. wears c. weared d. wore
18. Wea lot of fish yesterday.
a. eated b. ate c. eats d. eat
19. Her aunt her to see Cham Temple last year.
a .taked b. took c. take d. takes
20. Tuan a new bike yesterday.
a. haved b. has c. had d. have
21. She..... a new ruler yesterday.
a.didn't buy b.doesn't bought c.did buy d.didn't bought
22. He with his parents about his vacation in Da Lat last year.
a. don't talk b. doesn't talked c. didn't talked d. talked
23. They..... school yesterday
a. didn't comed b. didn't come c. doesn't comed d. doesn't come
24. The windows yesterday
a. didn't close b. didn't closed c. doesn't closed d. doesn't close
25. Weat home at 7 p.m last Monday.
a. didn't return b. didn't returned c.doesn't return d. doesn't returned
26. Shefish and crab yesterday.
a. doesn't eat b. doesn't eated c. didn't eat d. didn't ate
27. Lan Ho Chi Minh city two years ago.
a. didn't go b. doesn't went c. didn't went d. doesn't go
28. My parentsto Vung Tau last week.
a.don't taked b. don't took c.didn't take d.didn't takes
29. Wea lot of friends in Ha Noi two years ago.
a. don't have b. don't has c.didn't had d. didn't have
30. Lan and Hoa your school two years ago?
a. Are b. Is c. Was d. Were
31. What.... theylast week?
a. do .. play b. did ... play c. do played d. did played
32. What Hoa on yesterday?
a. did... try b. do... try c. did..... tryed d. do..... tryed
33. Whoto about the film on TV last Monday?
a. talk b. talks c. talked d. talking
- 34.Where..... they on their way back last Sunday?
a. did.. stop b. do... stop c. did... stopped d. do .. stopped
35. What the student at school two years ago?