



# Past Simple Tense — A1 exercises

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## A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I \_\_\_\_ a good film last night.  
A) watch    B) watched    C) did watch    D) watching
2. She \_\_\_\_ to Berlin three years ago.  
A) moved    B) moving    C) did move    D) move
3. We \_\_\_\_ to the museum yesterday.  
A) goed    B) went    C) gone    D) going
4. \_\_\_\_ you enjoy the concert?  
A) Do    B) Did    C) Were    D) Was
5. Which sentence is correct?  
A) Did you went to the party?    B) Did you go to the party?  
C) Did you gone to the party?    D) You did went to the party?
6. He \_\_\_\_ his keys at the office.  
A) leaved    B) left    C) leaves    D) leaving
7. I \_\_\_\_ see her at the party.  
A) didn't    B) don't    C) wasn't    D) not
8. They \_\_\_\_ in this house for ten years.  
A) lived    B) livd    C) liveed    D) living
9. What is the past simple of "study"?  
A) studyed    B) studed    C) studied    D) studying
10. What is the past simple of "stop"?  
A) stoped    B) stopped    C) stopt    D) stoping

## B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful meal in that restaurant. (have)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ to Rome for the weekend. (fly)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework before dinner. (finish)

4. They \_\_\_\_\_ the house in 2019. (buy)
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ the bus because he overslept. (miss)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you enjoy the film last night?
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ hear the doorbell — I was in the shower.
8. The concert \_\_\_\_\_ at nine o'clock. (start)

### C. Sentence building

5 questions

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*Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.*

1. watched / night. / a / I / last / film

*Describe your evening entertainment yesterday.*

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2. moved / years / She / three / Berlin / ago. / to

*Say when a woman relocated.*

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3. the / you / enjoy / Did / concert?

*Ask about somebody's evening at a musical event.*

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4. We / to / went / yesterday. / the / museum

*Describe your group's outing, using an irregular verb.*

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5. He / meeting. / the / to / didn't / come

*Report a man's absence in the negative.*

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# Answer key

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*Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.*

## A. Multiple choice

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1. **B) watched** — A regular verb adds -ed in the past simple, and last night is a finished time.
2. **A) moved** — Move adds -d because it already ends in -e.
3. **B) went** — Go is irregular and its past simple is went.
4. **B) Did** — Did carries the past tense in a question, and enjoy stays in its base form.
5. **B) Did you go to the party?** — Did already marks the past, so the main verb reverts to its base form.
6. **B) left** — Leave is irregular and becomes left in the past simple.
7. **A) didn't** — Didn't carries the past tense, so see stays in its base form.
8. **A) lived** — A verb ending in -e simply adds -d.
9. **C) studied** — A consonant plus -y becomes -ied: study, studied.
10. **B) stopped** — A final consonant after a single stressed vowel doubles before -ed.

## B. Fill in the blank

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1. **had** — Have is irregular and becomes had in the past simple.
2. **flew** — Fly is irregular and its past simple is flew.
3. **finished** — A regular verb adds -ed in the past simple.
4. **bought** — Buy is irregular and becomes bought.
5. **missed** — Miss adds -ed with no spelling change.
6. **Did** — Did carries the past tense in a question, whatever the subject.
7. **didn't** — Didn't takes the past tense, so hear stays in its base form.
8. **started** — Start adds -ed with no change to the stem.

## C. Sentence building

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1. **I watched a film last night.**
2. **She moved to Berlin three years ago.**
3. **Did you enjoy the concert?**
4. **We went to the museum yesterday.**
5. **He didn't come to the meeting.**