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Past Simple _ Prepositions (Time)

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Grammar

G.14.1 Past Time (past simple (including verb 'to be'))



Explanation: The Past Simple Tense

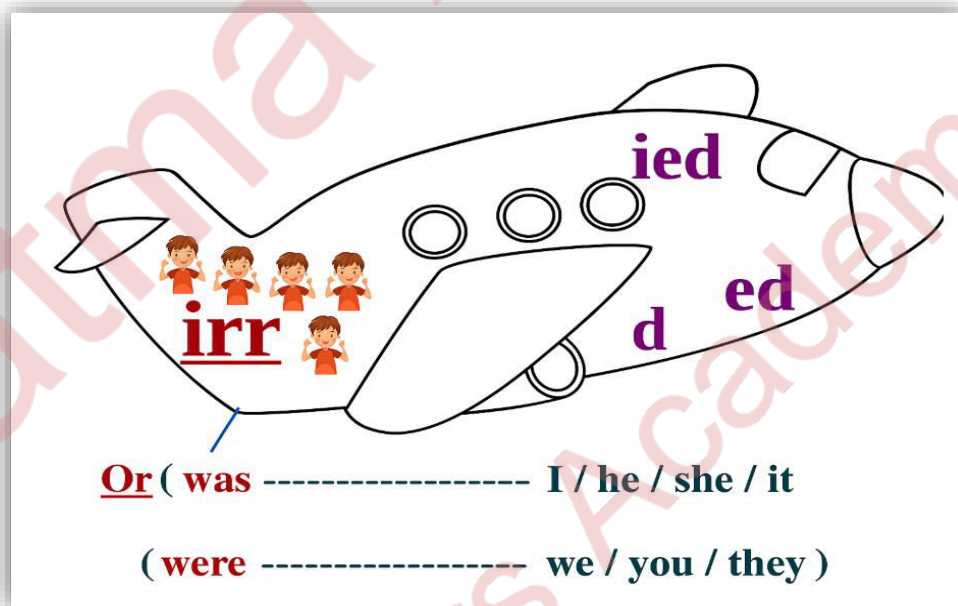
The **Past Simple** tense is used to talk about **actions that happened and finished in the past**. It tells us **when** something happened — *yesterday, last week, in 2020*, etc.

◆ 1. Form :

✓ Regular verbs (d-ed -ied)

We add **-ed** to the base verb.

Base Verb	Past Simple
work	worked
play	played
hate	Hated
study	studied



🗣 **Example:**

- I **played** football yesterday.
- She **loved** the story.
- He **cried** a lot when he was a baby.
- They **watched** T.v.



⚠ Irregular verbs

These verbs have **special past forms** — *they don't end in -ed.*



V1 Past Simple



go	went
see	saw
eat	ate
have	had
come	came
make	made

Example:

- She **went** to the park last Sunday.

. Negative form:

Use **did not (didn't)** + base verb.

didn't + v1

Examples:



- I **didn't go** to school yesterday.
- They **didn't watch** the movie.

◆ 3. Question form :

Use **Did** + subject + **base verb (v1)** ?

Examples:

Did + ... + **v1** ?

- **Did** you visit your grandma?
- **Did** he play football?



Time expressions



We often use these words with past simple:

yesterday – last week – ago – once – one day – in the past – once upon a time –

When I was young – When I was a child – in a previous date – in 2010 – in 2020 – 1995

Example:

- We **watched** a movie **two days ago**.
- Ziad **carried** a heavy box **yesterday**.
- Mostafa **loved** the dog **in the past**.
- Ali and Jamila **did** their H.w.
- We **had** a lot of fun **when** we were babies.



Exercise:

Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verbs.

1. We _____ to the beach yesterday. (go)
2. I _____ fun at the park. (have)
3. I _____ at my friend's house. (be)
4. Fatima _____ the movie. (not watch)
5. _____ Fatima _____ a movie yesterday? (watch)



More Practice:

1. They _____ football last Saturday. (play)
2. Ahmed _____ his homework last night. (finish)
3. We _____ pizza for dinner. (eat)
4. I _____ at home yesterday. (stay)
5. Sara _____ to the mall yesterday. (not go)
6. _____ you _____ the new song? (listen)
7. He _____ his grandparents last weekend. (visit)
8. We _____ a new book yesterday. (buy)



9. I _____ my keys at school. (lose)
 10. _____ Ali _____ English last night? (study)

Extra Practice (Simple Past)



11. My parents _____ to Cairo last Friday. (travel)
 12. The students _____ their lessons yesterday. (learn)
 13. We _____ to music after school. (listen)
 14. I _____ my bike in the park. (ride)
 15. They _____ TV all evening. (watch)
 16. Omar _____ a letter to his friend. (write)
 17. I _____ my friends at the café. (meet)
 18. We _____ late last night. (sleep)
 19. She _____ a new dress yesterday. (buy)
 20. _____ you _____ football last week? (play)
 21. He _____ breakfast at 8 o'clock. (eat)
 22. I _____ to the teacher after class. (talk)
 23. They _____ many photos on holiday. (take)
 24. My brother _____ in the swimming pool. (swim)
 25. _____ your family _____ the zoo last weekend? (visit)



Irregular verbs :-

Fixed verbs:

1. cut – cut---(didn't cut)
2. put – put --- didn't
3. set – set -- didn't
4. hurt – hurt -- didn't
5. cost – cost-- didn't
6. read – read -- didn't



(ought–aught) group:

- catch – caught (didn't
- teach – taught (didn't
- fight – fought (didn't
- think – thought (didn't
- buy – bought (didn't
- bring – brought (didn't



(i → o):

- ride – rode
- write – wrote
- shine – shone
- drive – drove

**(o/y → e):**

- know – knew
- fly – flew
- grow – grew

**(i → a / u → a / o → a):**

- run – ran
- come – came
- overcome – overcame
- sing – sang
- give – gave
- swim – swam
- drink – drank
- begin – began



- am / is – was

- are – were

- go – went

- do – did

- has / have – had

- hear – heard

- see – saw

- make – made
- eat – ate

**(ee → e):**

- feed – fed
- meet – met

(a → oo):

- take – took
- shake – shook

**(ea → o/e):**

- break – broke
- steal – stole

(ell → oll):

- tell – told
- sell – sold

(p/d → pt/ t):

- sleep – slept
- sweep – swept
- build – built



Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d :



1. Yesterday, I to the park with my friends.
a. go b. went c. goes d. going
2. She dinner for her family last night.
a. cooks b. cooked c. cooking d. cook
3. They a new car two months ago.
a. buy b. buys c. bought d. buying
4. The students their homework before dinner.
a. do b. did c. does d. doing
5. I the window because it was hot.
a. opened b. opens c. opening d. open
6. She sent a message to her friend, but she reply.
a. doesn't b. isn't c. aren't d. didn't
7. What you do after school yesterday?
a. did b. are c. have d. do
8. they at the library last week?
a. Was b. Were c. Did d. Do
9. We watched TV together night.
a. next b. last c. tomorrow d. today
10. Mazen didn't to school yesterday.
a. go b. went c. going d. goes



More Practice



11. Sara her homework before dinner.
a. finishes b. finished c. finishing d. finish
12. They football in the garden yesterday.
a. played b. plays c. play d. playing
13. My father a new car last month.
a. buys b. bought c. buy d. buying
14. The students the test last week.
a. passed b. passing c. passes d. pass

15. He his friend at the mall yesterday.
a. meets b. meeting c. met d. meet
16. We to the beach last summer.
a. went b. go c. goes d. going
17. The teacher the lesson clearly.
a. explaining b. explained c. explains d. explain
18. My sister her phone at home yesterday.
a. forgot b. forgetting c. forgets d. forget
19. They to music all evening.
a. listen b. listening c. listens d. listened
20. I the door before leaving.
a. closed b. closes c. closing d. close
21. The cat the milk quickly.
a. drink b. drank c. drinks d. drinking
22. He late for school yesterday.
a. was b. were c. be d. being
23. We a movie last night.
a. watch b. watching c. watched d. watches
24. They English last year.
a. studied b. studying c. studies d. study
25. My brother his leg yesterday.
a. break b. broke c. breaking d. breaks
26. I breakfast early this morning.
a. had b. have c. having d. has
27. She home after the party.
a. come b. came c. coming d. comes
28. We our grandparents last weekend.
a. visited b. visiting c. visits d. visit
29. The baby all night.
a. cry b. crying c. cries d. cried
30. They happy to see us yesterday.
a. were b. was c. be d. been



***. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word(s) in brackets:**

1. She (pass) her quiz and felt proud of herself.
2. Did you (face) a challenge before?
3. Why (were) Laila disappointed after the race?
4. Zein (watch) a movie last night.
5. Where did you (went) last vacation?
6. Fatema (sees) many animals when she visited the zoo.
7. How (is) the party last night?
8. (Did) you happy about the exam results last week?
9. She was sad because she (breaks) her toy.
10. He (spend) a week in Alexandria last summer.
11. They (are) at the club yesterday.



More Practice



12. I (clean) my room yesterday morning.
13. We (visit) our grandparents last Friday.
14. My brother (lose) his keys yesterday.
15. The students (finish) their project last week.
16. She (not / go) to school because she was sick.
17. Ahmed (help) his friend with homework.
18. Why (you / cry) after the movie?
19. They (travel) to Luxor last month.
20. My father (fix) the car yesterday afternoon.
21. I (not / see) you at the party last night.
22. What time (the match / start) yesterday?
23. Mariam (call) her friend and told her the news.
24. The baby (sleep) for a long time.
25. He (forget) to bring his homework.
26. We (take) a lot of photos at the beach.
27. The teacher (explain) the lesson clearly.
28. My friends (play) basketball after school.
29. She (buy) a beautiful dress last weekend.



V. to be (was – were)

They are the **past tense** of the verb **to be**.

- **Was** → with **I, he, she, it** – singular
- **Were** → with **you, we, they** --- plural



✓ Examples:

- I **was** at the park yesterday.
- They **were** at school yesterday.

✦ 2. Negative form

Add **not** after *was* or *were*.

- I **was not** (wasn't) at the park.
- They **were not** (weren't) at school.



✦ 3. Questions with *Was / Were*

Put **was** or **were** at the beginning.

- **Was** he at the party?
- **Were** they happy?



Answer:

- Yes, he was. / No, he wasn't.
- Yes, they were. / No, they weren't.

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 1. Exercise A – Fill in the blanks (Choose the correct form)

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| <p>1. She ____ at school yesterday.
a) were
b) was
c) am</p> <p>2. They ____ very happy last night.
a) was
b) is
c) were</p> <p>3. I ____ tired after the game. 
a) was
b) am
c) were</p> <p>4. You ____ at the park yesterday.
a) are
b) were
c) was</p> <p>5. He ____ not at home yesterday.
a) weren't
b) wasn't
c) isn't</p> | <p>6. It ____ very cold last winter.
a) were
b) was
c) are </p> <p>7. We ____ in the library yesterday.
a) was
b) are
c) were</p> <p>8. My friend ____ sick last week.
a) was
b) were
c) is</p> <p>9. The children ____ noisy yesterday.
a) is
b) were
c) was</p> <p>10. I ____ late for school yesterday. 
a) were
b) was
c) are</p> |
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 2. Exercise B – Negative Sentences

Choose the correct negative form.

1. She _____ (wasn't / weren't) at the party.
2. They _____ (wasn't / weren't) in class yesterday.
3. I _____ (wasn't / weren't) hungry last night.
4. You _____ (wasn't / weren't) late for school.
5. He _____ (wasn't / weren't) my teacher.
6. We _____ (wasn't / weren't) in the park yesterday.
7. The dog _____ (wasn't / weren't) tired.
8. The boys _____ (wasn't / weren't) at the playground.
9. I _____ (wasn't / weren't) ready for the test.
10. They _____ wasn't / weren't) happy with the food.



3. Exercise C – Questions with *Was / Were*

1. _____ she at the zoo? (Was / Were)
2. _____ you happy yesterday? (Was / Were)
3. _____ they late for the bus? (Was / Were)
4. _____ he your best friend? (Was / Were)
5. _____ we in the same class last year? (Was / Were)
6. _____ it a sunny day yesterday? (Was / Were)
7. _____ the children at home? (Was / Were)
8. _____ I in the wrong room? (Was / Were)
9. _____ they at the cinema last night? (Was / Were)
10. _____ she sick yesterday? (Was / Were)



Construct Limits

- 1 descriptive text of 130 words (10% either way) with 5 gaps
- 3 options, one of which is the correct answer
- 3 marks each (total 15)



Descriptive Text (Past Simple)

Last summer, my family and I _____ (1) (**go - went - going**) to a small village near the sea. The place was peaceful, and the air was fresh. Every morning, we _____ (2) (**walk - walked - walking**) along the beach and collected colorful shells. My brother _____ (3) (**try - tried - trying**) to build sandcastles while my parents read their favorite books under a big umbrella. In the evenings, we often _____ (4) (**eat - ate - eating**) delicious seafood at a local restaurant. On the last day, I _____ (5) (**take - took - taking**) some photos of the sunset — it was one of the most beautiful moments I have ever seen.



Yesterday, I _____ (1) (have - had - having) a small birthday party at home. I _____ (2) (invite - invited - inviting) only a few close friends. They _____ (3) (didn't bring - don't bring - doesn't bring) gifts, but they came with a lot of love and laughter. We _____ (4) (play - played - playing) games, sang songs, and took funny pictures. My mom _____ (5) (did - do - doing) you bake that delicious chocolate cake yourself? I smiled and said, "No, Dad helped me!"



Last weekend, it _____ (1) (**rain - rained - raining**) all day. My friends and I _____ (2) (**didn't play - don't play - doesn't play**) football because the field was too wet. Instead, we _____ (3) (**stay - stayed - staying**) at home and watched movies. My sister _____ (4) (**make - made - making**) some popcorn for everyone. In the evening, my mom _____ (5) (**did - do - doing**) you finish your homework before watching TV? I said yes — and she smiled.



Last month, our class _____ (1) (**go - went - going**) on a school trip to the science museum. Everyone was very excited because it was our first trip that year. We _____ (2) (**didn't - don't - doesn't**) take our books because the teachers said we would learn through fun activities. Inside the museum, we _____ (3) (**see - saw - seeing**) amazing robots and space models. Our guide asked us many questions like, "What _____ (4) (**do - doing - did**) astronauts eat in space?" and "How _____ (5) (**did - does - didn't**) they sleep?" We learned many new facts that we had never heard before. At the end of the day, the teacher smiled and said, "Did you enjoy the trip?" Of course, we all shouted, "We loved it!"



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G.12.2 Prepositions (time)

Prepositions of Time: In, On, At

In	On	at
in the morning	on day	at o'clock
in the evening	on Sunday	at night
in the afternoon	on date	at mid day
in month (April)	on 20th May	at mid night
in season (summer)	on vacation	at Easter
in year (2014-2026)	on holiday	at Christmas
in century		at noon
		at dawn
		at breaktime
		at lunch time
		at weekend

Prepositions of Time: In, On, At

In	On	at
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Prepositions of Time - Multiple Choice Exercise

Prepositions of Time Practice

1. We usually go swimming ____ the summer.
a) at b) on c) in
2. My birthday is ____ 5th July.
a) in b) at c) on
3. She always drinks coffee ____ the morning.
a) in b) on c) at
4. The train arrives ____ noon.
a) in b) on c) at
5. They went to Paris ____ 2022.
a) in b) at c) on
6. The party is ____ Friday.
a) in b) on c) at
7. We have a meeting ____ 3 o'clock.
a) in b) at c) on
8. I was born ____ December.
a) in b) at c) on
9. They traveled to Japan ____ 2019.
a) at b) in c) on
10. He always goes jogging ____ the morning.
a) at b) in c) on
11. We'll meet ____ Easter.
a) on b) in c) at
12. My exam is ____ Monday.
a) on b) in c) at
13. The sun rises ____ dawn.
a) on b) in c) at
14. My parents got married ____ the 20th of June.
a) in b) on c) at
15. We usually travel ____ summer.
a) in b) at c) on
16. The stars shine brightly ____ night.
a) at b) on c) in
17. She left the office ____ noon.
a) on b) in c) at



18. They moved to the new house ____ April.

a) at b) on c) in

19. Let's have lunch together ____ breaktime.

a) at b) in c) on

20. We always have a family dinner ____ Christmas.

a) in b) at c) on

21. The concert is ____ the weekend.

a) in b) at c) on

22. The students arrived ____ the afternoon.

a) on b) at c) in

23. The show starts ____ midnight.

a) in b) at c) on

25. They studied this topic ____ the 21st century.

a) on b) in c) at



Last year, our class _____ (1) (**visit - visited - visiting**) an old castle on the top of a hill. It was built hundreds of years ago! We arrived _____ (2) (**at - on - in**) 9 o'clock and met our tour guide. She showed us the huge stone walls and explained how people _____ (3) (**live - lived - living**) there in the past. Inside the castle, she asked, "Who _____ (4) (**build - building - built**) this castle?" and "When _____ (5) (**did - do - doing**) they finish it?" We listened carefully and took many notes for our history project.

Our school held a big sports day _____ (1) (**in - on - at**) Friday morning. Everyone _____ (2) (**run - ran - running**) in different races and enjoyed the warm weather. My best friend _____ (3) (**win - won - winning**) first place in the long jump. After the race, our teacher asked, "When _____ (4) (**do - did - does**) you start training?" and "Where _____ (5) (**did - do - doing**) you practice every day?" He answered proudly, "I trained hard in the park near my house." It was a fun and unforgettable day!



Yesterday, we had an art class about shapes. Our teacher _____ (1) (**show - showed - showing**) us how to draw buildings using squares, circles, and triangles. She said that many famous towers were designed using simple shapes. We started painting _____ (2) (**in - at - on**) the afternoon and finished before sunset. During the lesson, she asked, "What _____ (3) (**did - do - does**) you learn from using different shapes?" and "How _____ (4) (**did - do - didn't**) you choose your colors?" I _____ (5) (**enjoy - enjoyed - enjoying**) the activity because it mixed math and art together.



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The Winning attitude

