Past Simple 1

1 Regular verbs

Match a line in A with a line in B. Put the verb in A into the Present Simple and the verb in B into the Past Simple.

A
1 I usually __________ (work) eight hours a day, but …
2 Ann usually __________ (drive) to work, but …
3 Max usually __________ (watch) TV in the evenings, but …
4 Ann and Max usually __________ (go) sailing at weekends, but …
5 It usually __________ (rain) a lot in winter, but …
6 Max and I usually __________ (go) camping in August, but …

B
a last summer we __________ (stay) in a hotel.
b last weekend they __________ (play) tennis.
c yesterday I __________ (start) work at 9.00 a.m. and __________ (finish) at 9.00 p.m.
d last year it __________ (snow) for three months.
e yesterday she __________ (walk).
f yesterday evening he __________ (listen) to music.

2 Yes/No questions and short answers

Write questions and answers about the people in exercise 1.

1 A Do you usually work eight hours a day?
   B Yes, I __________.
   A Did you __________ yesterday?
   B No, I __________.

2 A Does Ann usually drive to work?
   B Yes, she __________.
   A Did she __________ yesterday?
   B No, she __________.

3 A Does Max usually watch TV in the evenings?
   B Yes, he __________.
   A Did he __________ yesterday evening?
   B No, he __________.

4 A Do Ann and Max usually go sailing at weekends?
   B They __________.
   A Did they __________ yesterday?
   B No, they __________.

5 A Does it usually rain a lot in winter?
   B Yes, it __________.
   A Does it __________ yesterday?
   B No, it __________.

6 A Do you and Max usually go camping in August?
   B Yes, we __________.
   A Did you __________ yesterday?
   B Yes, we __________.
Complete the conversation with *had, did, was, or were*.

**A** It _______ my birthday yesterday. I’m twenty-five!

**B** Really? What _______ you do?

**A** Well, I _______ dinner with friends in an Italian restaurant.

**B** What _______ you eat?

**A** We all _______ pizzas. They _______ very good.

**B** _______ you enjoy your birthday, then?

**A** Mmm. It _______ excellent! When’s your birthday?

**B** Today.

**A** Oh, no! Happy birthday!

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**4 Irregular verbs**

Complete the table with the verbs in the box. Write the Past Simple forms.

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5 Negatives and positives

Complete the sentences with the positive form of the verb.

1. I didn’t go to New York, I _______ to Chicago.
2. We didn’t meet Jim, we _______ Max.
3. He didn’t leave last Tuesday, he _______ last Thursday.
4. We didn’t see Jim, we _______ David.
5. They didn’t buy a Volvo, they _______ a Saab.
6. You didn’t know the answer, Tom _______ the answer.
7. I didn’t lose my passport, I _______ my ticket.
8. We didn’t have white wine, we _______ red wine.
9. He didn’t write a letter, he _______ a postcard.
10. The film didn’t begin at 6.30 p.m., it _______ at 7.30 p.m.

6 Making questions

Put the words in the correct order to make questions. Then write true answers.

1. school/did/when/start/you/?
   *When did you start school?*
   *When I was six. In 1985.*

2. morning/you/time/get/up/what/this/did/?

3. dinner/night/have/what/you/last/for/did/?

4. did/train/last/you/by/when/travel/?

5. do/what/Sunday/you/last/did/?

6. holiday/did/summer/on/go/where/last/you/?

7. visit/you/art/gallery/an/last/did/when/?

8. come/today/you/how/school/did/to/?
Present Simple and Past Simple

1. Complete the text using the correct tense and form of the verbs on the right.

My Aunt Nancy was born in England, but now she lives in Perth, Australia. She went to Australia in 1985 when her husband, my Uncle Jack, died. She is 80 years old now, but she still lives. She’s an artist. She paints pictures of cats for birthday cards. She loves cats – she has twenty-five!

She started painting in 1986. At first she started just for a hobby, but then in 1989 she began making and selling birthday cards. A lot of people like them and buy them.

She usually start work at 7.00 in the morning and finish at 5.00 in the evening. Then she go swimming.

Last year I visited Australia and I stayed with her for two weeks. I had a very good holiday.

2. T 7.3 Write short answers to the questions.

1. Was Aunt Nancy born in Australia?
   No, she wasn’t.

2. Did she go to Australia in 1985?
   Yes, she did.

3. Did Uncle Jack die in 1985?
   Yes.

4. Is Aunt Nancy 90 years old?
   No.

5. Does she still work?
   Yes.

6. Does she have fifty cats?
   No.

7. Did she start painting in 1986?
   Yes.

8. Did she start selling birthday cards in 1987?
   Yes.

9. Does she usually work ten hours a day?
   Yes.

10. Does she usually go shopping after work?
    Yes.

3. Write questions for these answers.

1. Where was Aunt Nancy born?
   In England.

2. ____________________________
   In Perth, Australia.

3. ____________________________
   She went there in 1985.

4. ____________________________
   She’s an artist.

5. ____________________________
   In 1986.

6. ____________________________
   Because she loves them – she has twenty-five!

7. ____________________________
   About ten, usually.
Vocabulary

8 Parts of speech

1 Write the correct part of speech next to each word in the box.

\[ \text{n} = \text{noun} \quad \text{v} = \text{verb} \quad \text{adj} = \text{adjective} \quad \text{prep} = \text{preposition} \]

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<td>postman</td>
<td>on</td>
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2 Complete the sentences with a word from 1.
Change the verb forms if necessary.

1 My aunt lives in a \((\text{adj}) \, \text{nice}\) old house \((\text{prep}) \, \text{near}\) the sea.
2 Did you \((\text{v}) \, \text{enjoy}\) Frank’s \((\text{adj}) \, \text{new}\) car this morning? It’s red.
3 I play tennis with her \((\text{prep}) \, \text{on}\) Sundays and she always \((\text{v}) \, \text{enjoy}\) .
4 I \((\text{v}) \, \text{see}\) and watched television yesterday evening.
   It was so \((\text{adj}) \, \text{warm}\) in front of the fire.
5 I saw a \((\text{adj}) \, \text{famous}\) film star at Peter’s \((\text{n}) \, \text{new}\) .
6 He worked as a \((\text{n}) \, \text{new}\) postman until he died, and he only \((\text{v}) \, \text{earn}\) £10,000 a year.
7 They had a \((\text{n}) \, \text{new}\) holiday Spain and they \((\text{v}) \, \text{enjoy}\) it very much.

Prepositions

9 about, after, for

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

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1 My family left London and moved \((\text{in}) \, \text{to}\) a small village.
2 People all \((\text{in}) \, \text{to}\) the world speak English.
3 Did you speak \((\text{for}) \, \text{to}\) the teacher \((\text{for}) \, \text{to}\) the homework?
4 What do you know \((\text{about}) \, \text{to}\) George Washington?
5 Peter stayed \((\text{after}) \, \text{to}\) his grandmother \((\text{after}) \, \text{to}\) Christmas.
6 I often think \((\text{before}) \, \text{of}\) the day we met.
7 New Year’s Day is one week \((\text{before}) \, \text{of}\) Christmas Day.
8 We arrived \((\text{at}) \, \text{in}\) the airport \((\text{at}) \, \text{in}\) New York \((\text{at}) \, \text{in}\) 5.45 a.m.
9 Here’s the postman \((\text{with}) \, \text{to}\) a letter \((\text{with}) \, \text{to}\) you.
10 Speak \((\text{to}) \, \text{for}\) me in English. It’s good practice \((\text{for}) \, \text{to}\) us.
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<th>ALISON</th>
<th>ME</th>
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<td>Scotland</td>
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<td>When/go?</td>
<td>last June</td>
<td>last October</td>
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<td>How long/stay?</td>
<td>three weeks</td>
<td>one week</td>
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<td>How/travel?</td>
<td>plane</td>
<td>train</td>
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<td>Where/stay?</td>
<td>a tent</td>
<td>a hotel</td>
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<td>What/do?</td>
<td>took photographs of wild animals</td>
<td>went walking in the mountains</td>
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<td>What/see?</td>
<td>elephants, lions, giraffes; <em>not</em> any crocodiles</td>
<td>some beautiful lakes; <em>not</em> the Loch Ness Monster!</td>
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<td>Enjoy the holiday?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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2 Complete the questions about Jim’s holiday and write short answers.


2. When ____________________________? ____________________________

3. How long ____________________________? ____________________________

4. How ____________________________? ____________________________

5. Where ____________________________? ____________________________

6. What ____________________________? ____________________________

7. What ____________________________? ____________________________

8. Did ____________________________? Yes, he did.

3 Complete the paragraph about Jim’s holiday.

Last June Jim (1) __________ to Kenya for three weeks. He (2) __________ by plane and he (3) __________ in a tent. He (4) __________ photographs of wild animals. He (5) __________ some elephants, lions, and giraffes, but he (6) __________ any crocodiles. He (7) __________ the holiday very much.

4 Write a similar paragraph about Alison’s holiday.

**Alison’s last holiday**

5 Write about your last holiday in about fifty words.

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