

1 PAST SIMPLE PRACTICE

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.

Infinitive	Past Simple
drive	
get	
forget	
ride	
wake	
win	
write	

Infinitive	Past Simple
be	
eat	
go	
have	
go off	

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday _____ (**be**) one of the worst days of my life! First I _____ (**wake**) too late for school – my alarm _____ (**not go off**). So my dad _____ (**drive**) me to school. The first lesson _____ (**be**) Maths and I completely _____ (**forget**) that we _____ (**have**) a test! I _____ (**write**) what I knew, but that _____ (**not be**) a lot! I _____ (**get**) another bad mark, of course. After school, I _____ (**go**) home, _____ (**eat**) a sandwich and _____ (**hurry**) off to my football practice. I _____ (**ride**) my bike to get there faster, and then I _____ (**realize**) – we _____ (**have**) a match that evening! I _____ (**not be**) prepared and the other team _____ (**win**) the match.

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.

Infinitive	Past Simple
begin	
can	
dream	
say	
speak	

Infinitive	Past Simple
feel	
have	
take	
tell	

Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Tanya: You wouldn't believe what _____ (happen) to me yesterday!

Sarah: I'm all ears!

Tanya: I _____ (speak) to Jim!!

Sarah: Who's that?

Tanya: Who's that??? The boy I fancy, of course!

Sarah: Oh, that Jim! So?

Tanya: Well, I was sitting in the library when he _____ (walk) over and _____ (begin) talking to me! I _____ (dream) of this so many times before – I _____ (cannot) believe it was actually happening!

Sarah: So, what _____ (he / say)?

Tanya: He asked me if I _____ (can) help him with a Maths problem. So I did, and then all of a sudden he _____ (say) that he wanted to talk to me before but he _____ (not have) the courage to speak to me!

Sarah: What _____ (you / say)?

Tanya: I _____ (tell) him I _____ (feel) the same! And then he _____ (take) me to a nice café and we _____ (have) an orange juice. I'm so happy! He _____ (say) he would call today.

Sarah: I'm so happy for you!

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.

Infinitive	Past Simple
set	
hurt	
shut	
make	
forgive	
see	

Infinitive	Past Simple
bleed	
feed	
do	
lose	
spill	

Make the following sentences positive.

1 Mary didn't hurt herself in the accident.

2 She didn't bleed a lot.

3 I didn't feed the dog, Mum!

4 Yesterday Tony didn't make a cake.

5 Jane didn't forgive me for lying to her.

6 My kids didn't set the table for dinner.

7 The students didn't shut the door.

8 James didn't do his homework.

9 We didn't lose the match.

10 The teachers didn't see me cheat.

11 The baby didn't spill the cocoa.

EXERCISE 4

Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.

Infinitive	Past Simple
do	
take	
have	
leave	
put	
let	
begin	

Infinitive	Past Simple
grow	
draw	
fly	
see	
break	
understand	
can	

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the verbs in brackets.

I _____ (**follow**) one family on Instagram for a long time, but not anymore. They _____ (**have**) four kids. Every day, they _____ (**take**) at least ten pictures of their kids and _____ (**put**) them up. Whenever the kids _____ (**do**) something, they would take a picture of that or make a video about it. A kid once _____ (**draw**) a plane – they _____ (**share**) it with everybody. One kid _____ (**break**) a glass and _____ (**start**) crying – we _____ (**see**) that too. They _____ (**show**) how they all _____ (**fly**) to India. They _____ (**seem**) to have so much fun - a perfect family.

But then the oldest kid _____ (**grow**) up. He _____ (**begin**) talking about the real life he _____ (**have**) with them. Whenever he _____ (**want**) to do anything, he _____ (**cannot**) do it until his parents _____ (**grab**) their phones to take a photo of him. When he _____ (**try**) to date girls, they _____ (**not let**) them alone – they _____ (**want**) to post that online, too. And so all the girls _____ (**leave**) him. At one point he _____ (**cannot**) stand it anymore and he _____ (**decide**) to speak up about the problem of sharenting.

In the end, his parents finally _____ (**understand**) what they _____ (**do**) to their children and _____ (**stop**) posting things online.

EXERCISE 5

Fill the table with the right infinitive form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.

Infinitive	Past Simple
	burnt
	dreamt
	heard
	learnt
	meant

Make the sentences positive.

1 I didn't learn German when I was in primary school.

2 Steve didn't hear the latest gossip.

3 Kate didn't dream of becoming a famous actress.

4 Our house didn't burn down in the fire.

5 I didn't mean what I said.

EXERCISE 6

Match the infinitive to the right Past Simple form and fill in the table.

INFINITIVE

stand lead choose shoot pay freeze sell steal swear tear wear bite hide fall hang hold run

PAST SIMPLE

bit chose fell froze held hid hung led paid ran shot sold stole stood swore tore wore
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2 PRESENT SIMPLE OR PAST SIMPLE?

EXERCISE 1

Rewrite the following sentences in the Past Simple.

1 Susan takes the bus to school.

2 Danny and Rodney collect pictures of famous footballers.

3 I always bring extra food when I travel.

4 Teachers help all their students.

5 The children are very happy.

6 I can play the guitar.

7 My mum cooks really well.

8 Henry is so impatient.

9 She puts a lot of sugar in her coffee.

10 Mary studies really hard for the tests.

EXERCISE 2

Anthony's life has changed a lot since he was a baby. Read what he did when he was a baby. What does he do now? Look at the example and write sentences in the Present Simple.

1 Anthony couldn't read or write when he was a baby. He can read and write today.

2 He was a very bad-tempered child. He _____ today.

3 He ate with his hands. _____

4 He didn't have a mobile phone. _____

5 He didn't play football. _____

6 Anthony cried a lot. _____

7 He broke a lot of things. _____

8 He went to bed at 7. _____

9 He was afraid of the dark. _____

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the text with the Present Simple or the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

My grandma _____ (**be**) 70 years old. She often _____ (**tell**) me about her life and I really _____ (**like**) to listen to her. She _____ (**be**) so wise.

She _____ (**be**) born after the Second World War in a small village in Slavonija. They _____ (**not have**) water or electricity in their house, but they _____ (**have**) a well in their garden.

She often _____ (**tell**) me that today children _____ (**have**) an easy life. They _____ (**go**) to school, _____ (**do**) their homework and then they _____ (**play**) the rest of the day. The school she _____ (**go**) to was far away, so she usually _____ (**wake**) up at around six in the morning. She _____ (**walk**) to school for an hour at least. Children today _____ (**write**) everything in their notebooks, but when she was a student, she _____ (use) a piece of chalk and a slate for writing. She _____ (**tell**) me that she always _____ (**do**) all her homework, but sometimes it _____ (**get**) erased. The teachers _____ (**not hit**) pupils today, but back then they would hit them with a ruler or cane. When she _____ (**come**) back home, she _____ (**go**) to the field with the cows. She _____ (**do**) her homework in the evening. She also _____ (**help**) her mum with all the chores. I _____ (**think**) my grandma _____ (**have**) a very difficult childhood.

3 ADJECTIVES

3.1 COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES

EXERCISE 1

Sort the adjectives into two groups: short and long.

polite	successful	cheerful	weak	high	supportive
positive	gorgeous	friendly	amusing	lazy	popular
smart	demanding	busy	crazy	loud	wet
reliable	thin	funny	fat	tolerant	thoughtful
ugly	large	famous	tiny	distant	quiet
fast	responsible	stubborn	beautiful	hot	long
wise	helpful	foolish	nosy	tough	lucky

SHORT:

LONG:

3.2 SHORT ADJECTIVES

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the table with the correct comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
smart		
ugly		
fast		
thin		
busy		
large		
loud		
lazy		

wet		
quiet		
long		
wise		
friendly		
hot		
funny		
weak		
crazy		
fat		
tiny		
high		

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the sentences with the COMPARATIVE form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 I have a very smart dog. It is _____ (**smart**) than all the neighbours' dogs.
- 2 This red dress is much _____ (**ugly**) than the blue one.
- 3 Susan is _____ (**thin**) now than two months ago. She must have been on a diet!
- 4 Is Lamborghini _____ (**fast**) than Porsche?
- 5 I need a _____ (**large**) pot for this dish, this one is too small for all the food I have.
- 6 The noise kept getting _____ (**loud**).

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the sentences with the SUPERLATIVE form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 Bob is _____ (**lazy**) boy in this class.
- 2 July was _____ (**hot**) month last year.
- 3 My youngest child is _____ (**quiet**) of them all.
- 4 What's _____ (**long**) journey you've ever been on?
- 5 Mawsynram in India is _____ (**wet**) place on Earth.
- 6 The old lady was _____ (**wise**) person in the village.

EXERCISE 4

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the adjectives in brackets – positive, comparative or superlative.

- I used to be very _____ (**friendly**) when I was young. People thought I was _____ (**funny**) person they knew. I always told very _____ (**funny**) jokes.
- My building is _____ (**high**) than yours, Bill. But you should see John's house – it's _____ (**tiny**) house you've ever seen!
- The chain is only as _____ (**strong**) as _____ (**weak**) link.
- Christmas is _____ (**busy**) time of the year for the shops. I think it's _____ (**busy**) than St. Valentine's Day and Halloween put together.

3.3 LONG ADJECTIVES**EXERCISE 1**

Fill in the table with the correct comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
reliable		
successful		
responsible		
positive		

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the sentences with the COMPARATIVE form of the adjectives in brackets.

- Taylor Swift was _____ (**popular**) ten years ago than she is today, right?
- Should parents be _____ (**supportive**) of their teenagers, what do you think?
- I didn't like the Avengers. I like films that are _____ (**amusing**), and this one was simply boring.
- Who is _____ (**popular**) today, Will Smith or Matt Damon?
- People often tell you to think of _____ (**positive**) things when you're feeling depressed. Do you agree with this piece of advice?
- Should teenagers be _____ (**polite**) towards their teachers?

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the sentences with the SUPERLATIVE form of the adjectives in brackets.

- _____ (**famous**) inventor of all times is definitely Nikola Tesla.
- Anna is _____ (**stubborn**) person I know.
- Which car is _____ (**reliable**) today? I hate it when they break down during a trip.
- Nick gave me _____ (**beautiful**) ring for our anniversary.
- Icarus is _____ (**distant**) star scientists have ever seen.
- Jane is _____ (**hard-working**) girl in this class.

EXERCISE 4

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the adjectives in brackets – positive, comparative or superlative.

- My parents always tell me that I have to be _____ (**responsible**) than I am. They also say that I should try to be as _____ (**helpful**) as I can. And I really try to be. But sometimes school is so _____ (**demanding**) that I simply don't have time to do everything I'm supposed to do. They also tell me that I'm _____ (**foolish**) girl in the world.
- Look at Fiona – isn't she _____ (**gorgeous**)? She's _____ (**beautiful**) woman I've ever seen!

3.4 IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES**EXERCISE 1**

Fill in the table with the correct comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
good		
bad		
far		
little		
much / many		

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the adjectives in brackets – positive, comparative or superlative.

- I am _____ (**good**) at football than at basketball.
- Dubrovnik is _____ (**far**) from Zagreb than from Karlovac.
- Who is _____ (**good-looking**) boy in your class?

- 4 This is _____ (**bad**) pizza I have ever eaten!
- 5 What is _____ (**bad**) – getting a bad mark or cheating on a test?
- 6 Who is _____ (**good**) YouTuber these days?
- 7 I brought _____ (**much**) money with me, so I can lend you some if you need it.

3.5 ALL ADJECTIVES

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the table with the correct comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
bad		
nosy		
cheerful		
far		
strong		
charming		
lucky		
much / many		
good		
cold		
unsuccessful		
little		
good-looking		
tolerant		
tough		
skilful		
mad		
impolite		
angry		
fit		

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the sentences with the right form of the adjectives in brackets – positive, comparative or superlative.

- 1 Chris Hemsworth is much _____ (**good-looking**) than Bradley Cooper, isn't he?
- 2 Tom, you are so _____ (**impolite**)! Apologize at once!
- 3 Susan is _____ (**nosy**) girl in the world! She simply has to know everything about everybody.
- 4 People in the past were _____ (**tough**) than people today.
- 5 Henry is _____ (**skilful**) boy in this class – he can make anything!
- 6 I like Maths _____ (**little**) than Biology.
- 7 I have only two apples and I need _____ (**many**) for the pie – at least four. Will you go to the shop and buy some, please?
- 8 They often say that Ed Wood was _____ (**unsuccessful**) film director of all time.
- 9 I wish everybody could be as _____ (**tolerant**) as my grandma. She simply understands people.
- 10 I need a _____ (**strong**) rope – this one tears easily.

4 PREPOSITIONS

EXERCISE 1

Fill in the text with the right preposition from the box.

by around away of out with to up at with about

It seems that people today are obsessed _____ their mobile phones and social networks. Their entire day revolves _____ their and other people's online posts. They look _____ the photos of their friends and complete strangers. Sometimes they stop hanging _____ _____ their real friends. Some of them changed their profession and now they earn money _____ sharing their lives with others.

Children like social networks, too. However, they sometimes become victims _____ online bullying. Other children make comments _____ their looks, for example, or call them names. Some children try to talk _____ their parents, but their parents don't understand the situation. So some even run _____ from home.

Psychologists agree that if we don't change this, we will end _____ isolated and sick.

EXERCISE 2

Fill in the questions with the right preposition. Then discuss them with your friend.

- 1 What do you think, are people today obsessed _____ the Internet?
- 2 Does your life revolve _____ social networks?
- 3 Have you ever met anyone who was a victim _____ online bullying?
- 4 Is running _____ from home a good idea?
- 5 How much time do you spend hanging _____ _____ your friends?
- 6 What do you think, how much internet is good _____ you?
- 7 Who do you go to when you need help _____ your problems?