

## 1 PAST SIMPLE OF REGULAR VERBS + TO BE

**EXERCISE 1****Fill in the sentences with the right form of the verbs in brackets.**

My parents often tell me about hobbies and interests they had when they were young.

My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (**love**) reading comics. He often \_\_\_\_\_ (**play**) football with his friends. He \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) a good pupil and he \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) a lot.

His favourite school subjects \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) Maths and Physics.

That's why he \_\_\_\_\_ (**decide**) to study Physics.

My mum \_\_\_\_\_ (**listen**) to music all the time. Her favourite band was The Beatles – she simply \_\_\_\_\_ (**adore**) John Lennon! She \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) all music TV shows and she \_\_\_\_\_ (**want**) to go to their concert, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (**not get**) the chance because John Lennon \_\_\_\_\_ (**die**).

\_\_\_\_\_ (your parents / **have**) any hobbies when they were young?

\_\_\_\_\_ (they / **be**) good pupils? What \_\_\_\_\_ (they / **do**) in their free time?

**EXERCISE 2****Make the sentences negative.**

1 a) Winston Churchill **was** an American President.

\_\_\_\_\_

b) He **enjoyed** collecting stamps. \_\_\_\_\_

c) He **tried** to build a ship. \_\_\_\_\_

2 a) John Lennon **started** playing the guitar when he was 3 years old.

\_\_\_\_\_

b) He **married** Yoko Ono in 1965. \_\_\_\_\_

c) John and Yoko **were** against world peace.

\_\_\_\_\_

d) John Lennon **died** of cancer. \_\_\_\_\_

3 a) Charles Dickens **lived** in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. \_\_\_\_\_

b) He **was** a famous poet. \_\_\_\_\_

c) He **hated** animals. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 3****Make the sentences positive.**

1 Elizabeth I wasn't an English queen. \_\_\_\_\_

2 She didn't rule Ireland. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Her mother, Ann Boleyn, wasn't killed. \_\_\_\_\_

4 She didn't like art. \_\_\_\_\_

5 She didn't defeat the Spanish Armada. \_\_\_\_\_

6 She wasn't one of the greatest British monarchs.

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 4**

**Read the text, then make questions – the answers are given.**

**QUEEN VICTORIA**

Queen Victoria was one of the greatest British monarchs ever. Her father died when she was only 18, so she was very young when she inherited the throne. She ruled for 63 years. She lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She married Prince Albert when she was 21 years old. Prince Albert was her cousin. They loved each other very much and they had nine children. She conquered a lot of countries. The UK was one of the strongest and wealthiest states at that time. Science and art developed like never before during her rule. She died on 22 January 1901.



- 1 How old \_\_\_\_\_ when she became the Queen? - Only 18.
- 2 How long \_\_\_\_\_? - For 63 years.
- 3 When \_\_\_\_\_? - In the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 4 Who \_\_\_\_\_? - Prince Albert.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Prince Albert? - Yes, she did, very much.
- 6 How many children \_\_\_\_\_? - Nine.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ many countries? - Yes. she did.
- 8 When \_\_\_\_\_? - In 1901.

**EXERCISE 5**

**Fill in with the right form of the verb TO BE .**



Diana, Princess of Wales, \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most popular British celebrities ever. She \_\_\_\_\_ very popular because she \_\_\_\_\_ friendly and she helped the poor and sick. She \_\_\_\_\_ very young when she married Prince Charles – only 20. They \_\_\_\_\_ probably in love at first, but it \_\_\_\_\_ a happy marriage – he \_\_\_\_\_ faithful and cheated on her a lot. She \_\_\_\_\_ very sad because of this. Their children William and Henry \_\_\_\_\_ just little boys when Diana and Charles separated in 1992. When she died in a car crash in 1997 the whole world \_\_\_\_\_ in shock.

## 2 IRREGULAR AND REGULAR VERBS

**EXERCISE 1****A Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.**

Infinitive	Past Simple
cost	
cut	
hit	

Infinitive	Past Simple
let	
put	
read	

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

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) a great book last week.
- This sweater was very expensive – it \_\_\_\_\_ (**cost**) 200 euros!
- Darren \_\_\_\_\_ (**cut**) himself badly while he was cooking dinner.
- Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (**put**) on his coat and went out.
- She was so angry so I \_\_\_\_\_ (**let**) her speak as much as she wanted.
- In the 19<sup>th</sup> century parents often \_\_\_\_\_ (**hit**) their children.

**EXERCISE 2****A Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.**

Infinitive	Past Simple
bring	
buy	
fight	
think	
catch	
teach	

Infinitive	Past Simple
can	
be	
spend	

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

My mum \_\_\_\_\_ (**teach**) me how to cook wild rabbit last weekend. My dad is a hunter, so he \_\_\_\_\_ (**catch**) a wild rabbit and \_\_\_\_\_ (**bring**) it home. Then my mum and I \_\_\_\_\_ (**buy**) the best vegetables we \_\_\_\_\_ (**can**) find. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**spend**) a lot of money, but it \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) worth it! Then we \_\_\_\_\_ (**prepare**) everything and \_\_\_\_\_ (**call**) some friends to come over and eat with us. The funniest moment was when we almost \_\_\_\_\_ (**fight**) over the last piece of meat!

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**think**) cooking was difficult, but now I know that it isn't – it's so much fun, especially when you share your meal with your friends!

**EXERCISE 3****A Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.**

Infinitive	Past Simple
feel	
keep	
sleep	

Infinitive	Past Simple
send	
get	

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

Last month I \_\_\_\_\_ (**receive**) a packet with a lot of comics inside.

My e-friend \_\_\_\_\_ (**send**) it to me. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**feel**) so happy

when I \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) it as I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not expect**) such a present.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**) reading them immediately.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**sleep**) for three hours only – they literally \_\_\_\_\_ (**keep**) me awake almost all night!

**EXERCISE 4****A Fill in the table with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs used in the exercise.**

Infinitive	Past Simple
have	
get	
build	
put	
find	
take	

Infinitive	Past Simple
make	
give	
come	
become	
forbid	

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

Last year my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (**build**) a new house, and I finally \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) my own room. Then they \_\_\_\_\_ (**give**) me a TV and a computer as a present for my birthday, and they \_\_\_\_\_ (**put**) them in my bedroom – and that's when the problems \_\_\_\_\_ (**start**).

I \_\_\_\_\_ (**become**) obsessed with vlogs. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**find**) so many YouTubers who \_\_\_\_\_ (**talk**) about interesting things. When my friends \_\_\_\_\_ (**come**) to me, we \_\_\_\_\_ (**not study**), we only \_\_\_\_\_ (**play**) computer games or \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) YouTube. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**make**) a mess of my room because I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not want**) to do anything else. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**stop**) studying and doing homework. Finally, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ (**realize**) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) a serious problem. So they \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) the computer and TV away and they \_\_\_\_\_ (**forbid**) me to use them for more than an hour a day.

**EXERCISE 5**

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

Infinitive	Past Simple
blow	
draw	
fly	
grow	
know	
throw	



**B Make the sentences negative:**

- The wind blew last night. \_\_\_\_\_
- I knew the right answer to the question. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tina threw the garbage. \_\_\_\_\_
- The owl flew silently. \_\_\_\_\_
- Cedric drew a nice picture today. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE 6**

**A Fill the table with the missing form of the verbs used in the exercise – infinitive or Past Simple.**



Infinitive	Past Simple
begin	
	drank
ring	
	sang
sit	
	swam

**B Answer the questions using the prompts from the table. Make full sentences.**

in the lake      three times      I came late      at 8 o'clock  
 "Yesterday" by the Beatles      two glasses

- Why did you sit in the last row? \_\_\_\_\_
- When did the class begin? \_\_\_\_\_ 3
- Where did you swim yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_
- How much juice did you drink? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many times did the phone ring? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did they sing your favourite song? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 WOULD

**EXERCISE 1**

**Fill in the text using WOULD and the right verb from the box.**

go    play    listen    sing    invite    turn on    talk    dance

When she was a teenager, my mum \_\_\_\_\_ to music all the time.

She \_\_\_\_\_ MTV and watch all her favourite bands. She \_\_\_\_\_ to every song and she \_\_\_\_\_ around her flat, too. In the afternoons,

she \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar. She \_\_\_\_\_ her friends to come over and watch MTV with her. They \_\_\_\_\_ about their favourite singers.

She \_\_\_\_\_ to concerts whenever she could. The funny thing is, she still does all these things when she can. You can say that music is her passion.

## 4 PREPOSITIONS

**EXERCISE 1**

**Choose the right preposition.**

- 1 I have to get rid **off / of** all this junk!
- 2 I think we should focus **on / about** grammar today.
- 3 John is always polite **to / with** other people, even when they are annoying.
- 4 Mary is not fit at all. She should take **out / up** a sport.
- 5 People **of / with** all ages love watching Agatha Christie's mysteries with Hercule Poirot as a detective.
- 6 Teenagers worry **of / about** many things, don't they?
- 7 This film is based **on / in** real events.
- 8 Would you like to travel **about / around** the world?
- 9 What kind of books would you recommend **of / to** a teenager?
- 10 I'd like to travel **on / to** Siberia.
- 11 This mobile phone lasted **to / for** a long time.
- 12 **In / For** any case, I will come and pick you up.

**EXERCISE 2**

**Fill in with the right preposition.**

- 1 Young people should focus \_\_\_\_\_ learning as much as they can, don't you think?
- 2 Do you like watching films that are based \_\_\_\_\_ real events?
- 3 Do you like watching films that last \_\_\_\_\_ more than two hours?
- 4 What sport should a person take \_\_\_\_\_ if they want to lose weight?
- 5 If you could travel \_\_\_\_\_ any place in the world, where would you go?
- 6 Why do students worry \_\_\_\_\_ getting a bad mark in a test or exam?
- 7 Some people think that we should get rid \_\_\_\_\_ all the photos we post online.  
Do you agree?
- 8 Should older people be polite \_\_\_\_\_ children and teenagers?