

PAST SIMPLE: EXERCISES - KEY

1) Write the Past Simple of these verbs. Use the list of irregular verbs.

work:	worked	do:	did
save:	saved	rob:	robbed
stop:	stopped	send:	sent
begin:	began	get:	got
come:	came	see:	saw
take:	took	walk:	walked
make:	made	smile:	smiled
say:	said	know:	knew
use:	used	leave:	left
feel:	felt	tell:	told



2) Complete the text "Lost, alone and injured on a mountain" with a verb from the box in the Past Simple. Read the vocabulary first.

"LOST, ALONE, AND INJURED ON A MOUNTAIN"

fall – laugh – lose – ~~celebrate~~ – can't – find
spend – need – save – break – leave – take



Gary Smith yesterday **celebrated** his 20th birthday, but he's lucky to be alive. In March this year, he was climbing Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, when he (1) **lost** his way and (2) **spent** 16 hours in sub-zero temperatures.

'My friends (3) **laughed** at me for having so much survival equipment, but it (4) **saved** my life'.

On the 1st night, the weather was so bad that it tore his new mountain tent to pieces, so he moved into a Youth Hostel. He (5) **left** the hostel at 10.00 the next morning, but that afternoon he was in trouble. 'I (6) **fell** off a rock and (7) **broke** my left leg. I (8) **couldn't** move.'

Mountain rescue teams went out to look for Gary, and (9) **found** him at 9.00 the next morning. A helicopter (10) **took** him to hospital, where he (11) **needed** several operations. 'Next time I'll go with my friends, not on my own!' he joked.

3) Answer the questions about Gary in exercise 2. Use short answers.

- a. Did Gary get lost? **Yes, he did.**
- b. Did he have a lot of equipment? **Yes, he did.**
- c. Did his friends go with him? **No, they didn't.**
- d. Did the mountain rescue teams go out to look for him? **Yes, they did.**
- e. Did a helicopter take him to hospital? **Yes, it did.**

4) Making negatives – Correct the sentences about Gary.

- a. Gary Smith celebrated his 19th birthday.

Gary Smith didn't celebrate his 19th birthday. He celebrated his 20th birthday.

- b. He spent 10 hours in sub-zero temperatures.

He didn't spend 10 hours in sub-zero temperatures. He spent 10 hours (in sub-zero temperatures).

- c. His friends saved his life.

His friends didn't save his life. Mountain rescue teams saved his life.

- d. He left the hostel at 8.00 the next morning.

He didn't leave the hostel at 8.00 the next morning but he left at 10.00.

- e. He only needed one operation.

He didn't only need one operation but he needed several operations.

5) Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

to run – robber – to hand – custody – to catch – security – cash box
to accuse – to take – prison – to carry

Last Monday Paul Twitchy **ran** into a bank with a woolly hat over his face. Unfortunately, he couldn't see anything. He took off his hat in front of the **security** camera and demanded money from the teller. Paul was **carrying** a gun. So the woman **handed** him all the money from the **cash box**. Finally, the robber ran off and he was **caught** and arrested by the police outside the bank. They **took** him to the nearest police station where he was kept in **custody**. Later he was **accused** of robbery and was sentenced to 4 years in **prison**. "Give up being a bank **robber**", the judge told him. "You have no talent for the job".



6) Making connections.

❖ Theory.

<i>I broke a cup,</i>	<i><u>but</u> I mended it with glue. <u>so</u> I bought another one. <u>and</u> I broke a plate. <u>because</u> I dropped it.</i>
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- Which sentence shows a contrast? *...but...*
- Which sentence adds extra information? *...and...*
- Which sentence shows a consequence? *...so...*
- Which sentence says why you did something? *...because...*

❖ Exercise: Match the verb phrases. Then make sentences using both verbs in the past. Join the sentences with *so*, *because*, *and* or *but*.

break a cup feel ill make a sandwich have a shower call the police run out of coffee the phone ring	answer it mend it wash my hair be hungry go to bed hear a strange noise buy some more
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1. *I broke a cup, but I mended it with glue.*
2. *I felt ill, so I went to bed.*
3. *I made a sandwich because I was hungry.*
4. *I had a shower and washed my hair.*
5. *I called the police because I heard a strange noise.*
6. *I ran out of coffee, so I bought some more.*
7. *The phone rang, so I answered it.*



PAST SIMPLE - EXTRA EXERCISES - KEY

1) Describing a holiday – Put the verb in brackets in the Past Simple.

- David: Where **did you go** (go) for your last holiday, Sara?
Sara: I (1) **went** (go) cycling in France with two friends.
David: Oh yes? How (2) **did you get** (get) to France?
Sara: We (3) **caught** (catch) the ferry to Cherbourg.
David: (4) **Did you stay** (stay) in hotels?
Sara: Only twice, when the weather (5) **wasn't** (not - be) very good.
The rest of the time we (6) **camped** (camp),
so we (7) **didn't spend** (not – spend) much money.
David: (8) **Did it rain** (rain) much?
Sara: No, the sun (9) **shone** (shine) most days.
David: (10) **Did you have** (have) any problems?
Sara: Well, I (11) **fell** (fall) off my bike once,
and we (12) **forgot** (forget) to take any tea bags,
but we (13) **didn't have** (not – have) any mechanical problems!
David: What (14) **did you do** (do) in the evenings?
Sara: We (15) **found** (find) a campsite,
and then we (16) **went** (go) shopping in the nearest village,
(17) **cooked** (cook) a big dinner, (18) **ate** (eat)
lots of food, and (19) **drank** (drink) wine.
It (20) **was** (be) great!
David: When (21) **did you get back** (get back)?
Sara: I (22) **flew** (fly) home last Sunday,
but my friends (23) **came** (come) back three days later.
They (24) **didn't want** (not – want) to leave France!

2) Past time expressions – Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

Careful! Sometimes no word is necessary!

Ex: I arrived home **at** 6 o'clock last night.

ago – last – in – for – at – when - on

- I was born in Africa **in** 1970.
- My parents moved back to England **when** I was 5.
- We lived in Bristol **for** 3 years.
- I left college 3 years **ago**.
- I found a flat on my own **/** last year.
- I usually go home **at** the weekend.
- I didn't go home **last** weekend because some friends came to stay.
- They arrived **at** 3 o'clock **in** the afternoon.
- On** Saturday evening we went out to a concert.
- When** we got home we listened to some music.
- In** the afternoon we went for a walk.
- I bought a car a few weeks **ago**.
- I had an accident **/** last night.
- I took my car to the garage **/** this morning.
- It will be ready **in** 2 weeks.

