



**Basic**

**English Grammar Practice Test with key**

**Past Simple**

**Level A1-A2**

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#### **Introduction and Imprint**

The test comes in **two variants**, each of which is provided **with key** and a point-based **marking scheme**. The content corresponds to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

The test is meant for **English as a foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Past Simple

Variant 1

1. Complete the sentences with the *past simple*.

1. James \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the movie yesterday.
2. Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) my holidays in Greece. I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Creta Maris Beach Resort.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a ticket to the party three days ago.
4. Will and Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) their parents' house when they \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) college.

5. When \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ago and will you be back?
6. My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ (didn't) choose the car model before going to Stuttgart.
7. The coach \_\_\_\_\_ (should) with a bad injury.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (didn't) finish with his friends at Chelsea Sports Centre.
9. My car was still working, but probably the \_\_\_\_\_ (didn't) need to be fixed.
10. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (didn't) miss an opportunity to raise more than the international trade.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 12

2. Choose the correct item.

1. Tom **heard** / **heard** his wife leaving the house at 7 o'clock.
2. She arrived in Italy **before three days** / **three days ago**.
3. The weather **was** / **were** awful yesterday, but it is nice today.
4. Taylor and his sister **staid** / **stayed** at my place for three days last week.
5. Last Sunday I **payed** / **paid** my electricity bill for March.
6. The car accident happened / happened on 17 Avenue in Manhattan.
7. Did Tracy leave / leave to drive in 2007?
8. Mike called / call his first ex-girlfriend this morning when he was running in the park.
9. I used to visit / used to visiting my cousin every day when I was younger.
10. Tim and Jane got married / didn't / didn't be married.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 10

3. Complete the questions and negative sentences using the *past simple*.

Example:

Grace went to hospital yesterday.

Grace **did not go** to hospital yesterday. (Negative)

**Did Grace go** to hospital yesterday? (Interrogative)

- She met her friends quite often in 2016.  
\_\_\_\_\_ her friends quite often in 2016?
- Donald thought that the scar on his face would never disappear.  
Donald \_\_\_\_\_ that the scar on his face would ever disappear.
- The lorry driver turned to the right at the traffic lights.  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the right at the traffic lights?
- The prime minister and her husband travelled to Dallas on their holidays.  
Where \_\_\_\_\_ to on their holidays?
- I hated ginger sweets in my childhood.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ ginger sweets in my childhood.

6. You called two jewellery shops before the police arrested you.  
How many jewellery shops \_\_\_\_\_ before the police arrested you?

7. He visited the cinema the half an hour last Friday.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema the half an hour last Friday.

8. The teacher gave the papers at the start of the evening.  
\_\_\_\_\_ papers at the start of the evening?

9. David and I visited expensive Chinese shops every day.  
How often \_\_\_\_\_ expensive Chinese shops?

10. The child dug the hole in the ground.  
The child \_\_\_\_\_ the hole in the ground.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 10

4. Fill in the gaps with the *past simple*.

Late for Work

Yesterday Jane 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up at 10 o'clock. She 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower and 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) her teeth quickly. She 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (not / eat) breakfast because she 5) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late for work. She 6) \_\_\_\_\_ (dress) up and 7) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) her

8) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) a note on the desk and 9) \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a text message to her manager at the office to let her know she would be there soon. She 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (not / want) to disagree her colleagues with her bosses. She 11) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) her day 12) \_\_\_\_\_ (not) very busy taking orders from clients and 13) \_\_\_\_\_ (really) want her help.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 13

Total: \_\_\_ / 45

Past Simple

Variant 1. Key

1.

1. saw (Irregular verb, affirmative)
2. enjoyed, visited (Regular verbs, affirmative. The past simple of the main verb that ends in a vowel + -y is formed by adding -ed.)
3. bought (Irregular verb, affirmative)
4. left; finished (Irregular verb, affirmative; Regular verb, affirmative)
5. did, go (Irregular verb, interrogative)

6. washed (Regular verb, affirmative. The past simple of the main verb that ends in a consonant + -y is formed by changing -y to -i and adding -ed)
7. made (Irregular verb, affirmative)
8. played (Regular verb, affirmative. The past simple of the main verb that ends in a vowel + -y is formed by adding -ed)
9. had (Irregular verb, affirmative)
10. did not / didn't make (Regular verb, negative)

2.

1. heard (Irregular verb)
2. three days ago (The adverb of time 'ago' is used to tell that the event happened at a certain time before now. The adverb of time 'before' means 'earlier than'.)
3. was (Third-person singular)
4. stayed (Spelling.)
5. paid (Irregular verb)

6. happened (Spelling)
7. knew (The base form of the verb is used after the subject in questions.)
8. sat (Irregular verb)
9. used to sit (Former grammatical structure for expressing a habit in the past)
10. didn't like (The base form of the verb is used after the auxiliary in negative sentences.)

3.

1. Did she meet (Interrogative)
2. did not / didn't think (Negative)
3. Did the lorry driver turn (Interrogative)
4. did the prime minister and her husband travel (Interrogative)
5. did not / didn't hate (Negative)

6. did you ask (Interrogative)
7. did not / didn't read (Negative)
8. did the teacher say that (Interrogative)
9. did David and Li make a film (Interrogative)
10. did not / didn't fly (Negative)

4.

1. got (Irregular verb, affirmative)
2. took (Irregular verb, affirmative)
3. washed (Regular verb, affirmative)
4. did not / didn't eat (Irregular verb, negative)
5. was (Irregular verb, third person singular affirmative)
6. dressed (Regular verb)

7. looked (Regular verb, affirmative. The past simple of the main verb that ends in a consonant + -y is formed by changing -y to -i and adding -ed)
8. caught (Regular verb, affirmative)
9. sat (Irregular verb, affirmative)
10. did not / didn't read (Regular verb, negative)
11. knew (Irregular verb, affirmative)
12. were (Irregular verb, first person plural affirmative)
13. had washed (Regular verb, affirmative. The adverb of manner is used before the main verb.)