



Basic

English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

Past Simple

Level A1-A2

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Introduction and Imprint

This is a complete set of English grammar practice tests. It contains **Test 1 & 2 with key**. The tests correspond to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the [CEFR](#).

The content 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

Test 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 _____ (go) out with him last time?

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.

Mark: ___ / 10

3. Complete the sentences forming questions or negative sentences with *the past simple*.

Example:

Grace *went* to hospital yesterday.

Grace did not go to hospital yesterday. (negative)

Did Grace go to hospital yesterday? (question)

1. She met her friends quite often in 2016.
_____ her friends quite often in 2016?
2. Donald thought that the scar on his face would never disappear.
Donald _____ that the scar on his face would ever disappear.
3. The lorry driver turned to the right at the traffic lights.
_____ to the right at the traffic lights?
4. The prime minister and her husband travelled to Dallas on their holidays.
Where _____ to on their holidays?
5. I hated ginger sweets when I was a child.
I _____ ginger sweets when I was a child.

1. She met her friends quite often in 2016.
Did she meet her friends quite often in 2016?

2. Donald thought that the scar on his face would never disappear.
Did Donald think that the scar on his face would ever disappear?

3. The lorry driver turned to the right at the traffic lights.
Did the lorry driver turn to the right at the traffic lights?

4. The prime minister and her husband travelled to Dallas on their holidays.
Where did the prime minister and her husband travel to on their holidays?

5. I hated ginger sweets when I was a child.
Did I hate ginger sweets when I was a child?

Mark: ___ / 10

4. Complete the sentences using *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 _____

1) She got up at 10 o'clock. She took a shower and washed her teeth quickly. She didn't eat breakfast because she was late for work. She dressed up and _____

Mark: ___ / 13

Total: ___ / 45

Past Simple

Test 1. Key

1.

1. **saw** (*Irregular verb*)
2. **enjoyed; visited** (*Regular verb, no change in the ending: -ed added as the regular verb ends in a vowel + -y; Regular verb*)
3. **bought** (*Irregular verb*)
4. **left; finished** (*Irregular verb; Regular verb*)
5. **did, go** (*Irregular verb, interrogative*)

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** (*Irregular verb, third-person singular*)
4. **stayed** (*The past form 'staid' doesn't exist.*)
5. **paid** (*Irregular verb*)

3.

1. **Did she meet** (*Question*)
2. **did not / didn't think** (*Negative*)
3. **Did the lorry driver turn** (*Question*)