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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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English Grammar Practice Tests with key

Past Simple

Level A1-A2

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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?

6. The car was _____ (break) down on the road when going to the shop.
7. The man _____ (be) with me last night.
8. He _____ (go) to the bank to get some money.
9. The woman _____ (be) very happy when she _____ (get) married.
10. The company _____ (be) very successful in the past few years.

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 was broken down on the road when going to the shop.
7. The man was with me last night.
8. He went to the bank to get some money.
9. The woman was very happy when she got married.
10. The company was very successful in the past few years.

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.

6. The children were noisy when they were in the park.
The children _____ when they were in the park.

7. The teacher was angry when he found the answer.
He _____ when he found the answer.

8. The teacher got the answer to the question in the lesson.
_____ the answer to the question in the lesson?

9. The teacher asked the children to be quiet.
The teacher _____ the children to be quiet.

10. The children were noisy when they were in the park.
The children _____ when they were in the park.

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 _____ (leave) for work.

7) _____ (be) late for work. She 8) _____ (be) late for work. She 9) _____ (be) late for work. She 10) _____ (be) late for work.

Mark: ___ / 13

Total: ___ / 45

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Test 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)

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)

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)

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)