

Verb “To Be” Past Tense – Affirmative and Negative

A. Put the correct form of the verb “to be” (was/were) in the past tense in the following sentences.

1. Judy _____ sick yesterday.
2. We _____ in the same class last year.
3. I _____ tired after a long day at work.
4. The weather _____ beautiful yesterday.
5. Last semester my teachers _____ very good.
6. The children _____ hungry after so much exercise.
7. The wind _____ very strong last night.
8. She _____ very happy last week.
9. They _____ nervous on the first day of school.
10. Luckily, the windows _____ closed during the rain storm.
11. We _____ very happy to get your letter last week.
12. The boys _____ tired after the ball game.

B. Put the correct negative form of the verb “to be” (wasn’t/ weren’t) in the following sentences.

1. They _____ at school yesterday because it was Saturday.
2. He _____ hungry at supper time because he ate a big lunch.
3. Carol _____ happy to see her boyfriend with another girl.
4. Bonnie _____ at home last night when I called her.
5. The teacher _____ satisfied with the student’s work.

C. Complete the following sentences with *wasn’t* or *weren’t*.

Ex. I am at work today, but I wasn’t here yesterday.

1. It is cold outside today, but _____.
2. She is sick today, but _____.
3. They are at school today, but _____.
4. The TV show is good today, but _____.
5. The apples are sweet today, but _____.
6. The class is interesting today, but _____.
7. The boss is angry today, but _____.
8. The door is locked today, but _____.
9. The exercises are easy today, but _____.

Past Tense of the Verb “To Be” – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers with the verb “to be” in the past tense.

Ex. Were you tired last night?

Yes, I was. (I was tired last night.)

1. _____
_____ (It wasn't cold outside yesterday.)

2. _____
_____ (They weren't sick last week.)

3. _____
_____ (Don was at the office last Saturday.)

4. _____
_____ (The car was expensive.)

5. _____
_____ (The children weren't excited.)

6. _____
_____ (The store wasn't open.)

7. _____
_____ (The movie was interesting.)

8. _____
_____ (The food wasn't good.)

Past Tense of the Verb “To Be” – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (*who, what, where, when, why, how many*) and the correct form of the verb “to be” in the past tense to make questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Why was she absent yesterday?
She was absent because she was sick.

1. _____

She was tired because she worked hard all day.

2. _____

She was at the mall last night.

3. _____

There were twenty people at the party.

4. _____

A diamond ring was in the box.

5. _____

The secretary was in the office.

6. _____

The students were absent last Tuesday.

7. _____

She was late because she missed her bus.

8. _____

Mrs. Jones was at the door.

Simple Past Tense – Regular Verbs

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the past tense.

play / listen / paint / water / visit / mail / help / arrive / learn / watch / change / wait

1. I _____ my friend in the hospital last night.
2. The boys _____ baseball in the field behind the school.
3. Robert _____ his wife wash the dishes.
4. We _____ our living room a soft blue color.
5. Susan _____ TV for two hours last night.
6. We _____ planes on the way to New York.
7. I _____ the letter on the way to work.
8. She _____ for him for 20 minutes at the coffee shop.
9. They _____ how to swim many years ago.
10. She _____ the flowers in the garden yesterday.
11. The students _____ late for class.
12. We _____ to the radio until midnight.

Simple Past Tense – Negative

Change the following sentences to a negative and then write another sentence of your own in the affirmative.

Ex. Mary baked a cake. Mary didn't bake a cake.
She baked cookies.

1. The boys played soccer. _____

2. Carol called her mother. _____

3. Donald fixed his TV. _____

4. Peter danced with Betty. _____

5. Ann studied history. _____

Past Tense - Irregular Verb Practice

A. Write the correct past tense for each of the following verbs

Ex. catch – caught

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| 1. cut | _____ | 11. shake | _____ |
| 2. dig | _____ | 12. shoot | _____ |
| 3. cost | _____ | 13. shut | _____ |
| 4. meet | _____ | 14. sit | _____ |
| 5. read | _____ | 15. sing | _____ |
| 6. ride | _____ | 16. sleep | _____ |
| 7. run | _____ | 17. speak | _____ |
| 8. see | _____ | 18. spend | _____ |
| 9. sell | _____ | 19. stand | _____ |
| 10. send | _____ | 20. swim | _____ |

B. Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words. Then write the present tense of each verb beside the past irregular verb.

Scrambled word	Unscrambled Verb	Present Tense
Ex. etnw	went	go
1. meca	_____	_____
2. gunbe	_____	_____
3. dema	_____	_____
4. lbew	_____	_____
5. okbre	_____	_____
6. hocse	_____	_____
7. idd	_____	_____
8. krda	_____	_____
9. tae	_____	_____
10. voedr	_____	_____
11. ghtaut	_____	_____
12. oldt	_____	_____
13. woret	_____	_____
14. wkoe	_____	_____

Irregular Verbs – Bingo

Instructions: Choose 24 words from the list below and write the past tense of each one in any space on your bingo card. Mix them up. Do not write them in the same order as the list. (This will ensure you all have a different card.) Your teacher will call out certain past tense verbs. If you have one, cover it with a bean, piece of cardboard, candy, or any other marker your teacher gives you. When you have one line any way covered, shout Bingo. (You must have the correct past tense under each marker in order to win.)

become	begin	bet	bite	blow	break
bring	build	catch	choose	come	cost
cut	dig	do	draw	drink	drive
eat	fall	feel	fight	find	fly
forget	freeze	get	give	go	grow
hang	have	hear	hide	hit	hold
hurt	keep	know	leave	let	lose
make	mean	meet	pay	quit	ring
read	ride	run	see	sell	send
shake	shoot	shut	sink	sit	sleep
speak	spend	stand	stick	sweep	swing
swim	take	teach	tell	think	throw
understand	wake	wear	win	write	

Verb Bingo

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Past Tense - Irregular Verbs – Negative & Affirmative

Complete the sentences below using the example given.

Ex. Bill usually eats cereal for breakfast.
He didn't eat cereal yesterday. He ate toast.

1. Ben usually gets up at 7:00.

He _____ at 7:00 yesterday. He _____ at 8:00.

2. Ben usually takes a shower.

He _____ a shower yesterday. He _____ a bath.

3. Ben usually reads the Times newspaper.

He _____ the Times yesterday. He _____ the Post.

4. Ben usually leaves the house at 8:00.

He _____ the house at 8:00. He _____ at 9:00.

5. Ben usually takes a bus to work.

He _____ a bus yesterday. He _____ a taxi.

6. Ben usually meets his boss in the morning.

He _____ his boss in the morning yesterday. He _____ him in the afternoon.

7. Ben usually writes 10 letters every morning.

He _____ write 10 letters yesterday. He _____ 5 letters.

8. Ben usually eats lunch in the office.

He _____ lunch in the office yesterday. He _____ lunch in a restaurant.

9. Ben usually has a lot of appointments every day.

He _____ a lot of appointments yesterday. He only _____ a few.

10. Ben usually goes home at 6:00.

He _____ home at 6:00 yesterday. He _____ home at 7:00.

Past Tense Irregular Verbs – Question Formation

Write the questions. Follow the example given below.

Ex. Did you wake up early? No I didn't. I woke up late.

1. _____ at 7:00? No, we didn't. We met at 8:00.
2. _____ at the pool? No, he didn't. He swam in the lake.
3. _____ apples? No, she didn't. She bought oranges.
4. _____ French? No, they didn't. They spoke Spanish.
5. _____ to school? No, I didn't. I drove to the office.
6. _____ on time? No, he didn't. He came late.
7. _____ to Paris? No, she didn't. She flew to Rome.
8. _____ your purse? No, I didn't. I lost my wallet.
9. _____ a big fish? No, he didn't. He caught a small one.
10. _____ a cake? No, she didn't. She made a pie.
11. _____ 8 hours? No, I didn't. I slept 9 hours.
12. _____ their mother? No, they didn't. They told me.
13. _____ on the sofa? No, we didn't. We sat on chairs.
14. _____ a skirt? No, she didn't. She wore a dress.
15. _____ the windows? No, I didn't. I shut the door.
16. _____ at the front of the room? No, she didn't. She stood at the back of the room.

Past Tense – Irregular Verbs – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, when, why, how much) to make questions in the simple past tense. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. She bought the toy at Wal-Mart.
Where did she buy the toy?

1. _____
They left the office at 6:00.

2. _____
She didn't go to work because she was sick.

3. _____
I spent \$80.00 on groceries.

4. _____ *

Rosa spoke to the boss.

5. _____ *

Rosa spoke to the boss.

(Note the difference between #4 and #5. Can you explain the grammar rule?)

6. _____
She said "hello" to me.

7. _____
I felt sick yesterday.

8. _____
The sun rose at 6:45 A.M. yesterday.

9. _____
She wore a beautiful dress to the party.

10. _____
The meeting took place in Room 29.

Review - Past Tense –Irregular Verbs

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb into the correct past tense form.

buy / ring / lie / break / teach / fly / set / send / wake / swim / be / pay / meet /
have / write / drink / give / get / take / catch / lose

1. She _____ a plate when she was washing the dishes.
2. They _____ to Paris in a jumbo jet last week.
3. I _____ the alarm clock for 7:00 yesterday morning, but I _____ up a half-hour before the alarm clock _____.
4. I _____ a letter to my friends back home.
5. He _____ flowers to his girlfriend for her birthday.
6. His mother _____ care of him when he _____ sick.
7. The teacher _____ the mathematics class and then _____ the students three exercises to do for homework.
8. Angie _____ a bad cold last week. She _____ in bed for three days.
9. Matthew _____ his wallet on the way to work yesterday. He _____ very upset.
10. The children _____ in the lake behind their house.
11. We _____ a wonderful time at your party last night.
12. I _____ groceries on my way home yesterday and I _____ in cash.
13. I _____ three friends at the café and we _____ several cups of coffee together.

Time Expressions for the Past

Complete the following sentences using *yesterday*, *last*, or *ago*.

1. She came to this country three years _____.
2. I was very tired _____ week.
3. The class was cancelled _____ Monday.
4. I spoke to him ten minutes _____.
5. The weather was beautiful _____ summer.
6. We went dancing _____ night.
7. The boss was away _____ morning.
8. We started this class _____ fall.
9. The children watched a little TV _____ evening.
10. She got married five years _____.
11. We skied a lot _____ winter.
12. We went shopping _____ afternoon.
13. She left five minutes _____.
14. They left the city a month _____.
15. They came back _____ week.

Opposites in the Past – Review of Irregular Verbs

Write the opposite of each verb below. Make sure to use the **past tense**. (Note: there may be more than one possible opposite, but try to think of one that has an **irregular past form**.)

Ex. sat - stood

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| 1. remembered _____ | 9. floated _____ |
| 2. bought _____ | 10. saved (money) _____ |
| 3. found _____ | 11. ended _____ |
| 4. brought _____ | 12. repaired _____ |
| 5. arrived _____ | 13. came _____ |
| 6. opened _____ | 14. received (a letter) _____ |
| 7. rose (the sun) _____ | 15. lost (a game) _____ |
| 8. learned _____ | 16. fell asleep _____ |

Find Someone Who..... (Past Tense Review)

Interview your classmates. Walk around the class and find someone...

1. who woke up late this morning. _____

2. didn't take the bus to school this morning. _____

3. who ate an egg for breakfast this morning. _____

4. who saw a good movie on TV last night. _____

5. who bought something expensive yesterday. _____

6. who had a bad cold last week. _____

7. who won something last year. _____

8. who read a great book last month. _____

9. who heard some interesting gossip last week. _____

10. who went on a vacation outside the country last year. _____

Answers

Page 1.

- A. 1. was 2. were 3. was 4. was 5. were 6. were 7. was 8. was 9. were 10. were 11. were 12. were
B. 1. weren't 2. wasn't 3. wasn't 4. wasn't 5. wasn't
C. 1. it wasn't cold yesterday 2. she wasn't sick yesterday 3. they weren't at school today 4. it wasn't good yesterday 5. they weren't sweet yesterday 6. it wasn't interesting yesterday 7. he wasn't angry yesterday 8. it wasn't locked yesterday 9. they weren't easy yesterday

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1. Was it cold outside yesterday? No, it wasn't. 2. Were they sick last week? No, they weren't. 3. Was Don at the office last Saturday? Yes, he was. 4. Was the car expensive? Yes, it was. 5. Were the children excited? No, they weren't. 6. Was the store open? No, it wasn't 7. Was the the movie interesting? Yes, it was. 8. Was the food good? No it wasn't

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1. Why was she tired today? 2. Where was she last night? 3. How many people were at the party? 4. What was in the box? 5. Where was the secretary? 6. When were the students absent? 7. Why was she late? 8. Who was at the door?

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1. visited 2. played 3. helped 4. painted 5. watched 6. changed 7. wrote 8. waited 9. learned 10. watered 11. arrived
12. listened

1. The boys didn't play soccer. 2. Carol didn't call her mother 3. Donald didn't fix his TV 4. Peter didn't dance with Betty.

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- A. 1. cut 2. dug 3. cost 4. met 5. read 6. rode 7. ran 8. saw 9. sold 10. sent 11. shook 12. shot 13. shut 14. sat
15. sang
B. 1. came / come 2. begun / began 3. made / make 4. blew / blow 5. broke / break 6. chose / choose 7. did / do 8. drank / drink
9. ate / eat 10. drove / drive 11. taught / teach 12. told / tell 13. wrote / write 14. woke / wake

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1. didn't get up / got up 2. didn't take / took 3. didn't read / read 4. didn't leave / left 5. didn't take / took 6. didn't meet / met 7. didn't write / wrote 8. didn't eat / ate 9. didn't have / had 10. didn't go / went

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1. Did you meet... 2. Did he swim... 3. Did she eat... 4. Did they speak... 5. Did you drive... 6. Did he come... 7. Did she fly...
8. Did you lose... 9. Did he catch... 10. Did she make... 11. Did you sleep... 12. Did they tell... 13. Did you sit... 14. Did she wear...
15. Did you shut... 16. Did she stand...

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1. When did they leave the office? 2. Why didn't she go to work? 3. How much did you spend? 4. Who did Rosa speak to? 5. Who spoke to the boss? 6. What did she say to you? 7. How did you feel yesterday? 8. When did the sun rise yesterday? 9. What did she wear to the party? Where did the meeting take place?

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1. broke 2. flew 3. set / woke / rang 4. wrote 5. gave 6. took / got 7. taught / gave 8. caught / lay 9. lost / got 10. swam
11. had 12. bought / paid 13. met / drank

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1. ago 2. last 3. last 4. ago 5. last 6. last 7. yesterday 8. last 9. yesterday 10. ago 11. last 12. yesterday 13. ago
14. ago 15. last

1. forgot 2. sold 3. lost 4. left 5. left 6. closed 7. set (or, fell) 8. taught 9. sank 10. spent 11. started 12. broke
13. went 14. sent 15. won 16. woke up