

Gap-fill Exercise: Past Simple Verbs

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate past simple forms of the verbs. The infinitive form of the verb is provided in parenthesis:

1. I _____ (be) at the party last night.
2. The movie _____ (begin) at 7 PM.
3. He _____ (break) his favorite mug yesterday.
4. She _____ (bring) her laptop to the meeting.
5. We _____ (buy) a new phone last week.
6. They _____ (catch) the early bus.
7. Yesterday, she _____ (choose) a new outfit.
8. He _____ (cut) the cake into small pieces.
9. We _____ (do) our homework before going out.
10. She _____ (draw) a beautiful picture.
11. They _____ (drink) coffee at the café.
12. He _____ (drive) to work this morning.
13. She _____ (fall) on the slippery floor.
14. I _____ (find) my lost keys under the sofa.
15. The birds _____ (fly) south for the winter.
16. We _____ (get) a surprise gift.
17. She _____ (give) a speech at the event.
18. They _____ (go) to the beach last summer.
19. The flowers _____ (grow) quickly in the garden.
20. She _____ (have) a fantastic time at the party.
21. I _____ (hear) a strange noise last night.
22. They _____ (know) all the answers to the quiz.
23. She _____ (leave) the office early.
24. He _____ (make) a delicious cake.
25. We _____ (meet) our friends for lunch.
26. He _____ (pay) the bill for dinner.
27. She _____ (read) a novel over the weekend.
28. They _____ (ride) their bikes to the park.
29. The children _____ (run) in the playground.
30. He _____ (say) that he enjoyed the movie.
31. We _____ (see) a shooting star last night.
32. They _____ (sell) their old furniture online.
33. She _____ (send) a postcard to her friend.
34. The choir _____ (sing) beautifully at the concert.
35. He _____ (speak) confidently during the presentation.

36. She _____ (take) a photo of the sunset.
37. He _____ (tell) an interesting story.
38. She _____ (wear) a stunning dress to the party.
39. Our team _____ (win) the championship.
40. She _____ (write) a letter to her pen pal.

Feel free to use this exercise for practicing the past simple forms of these verbs in context.

C. – Write sentences or questions using simple past:
I/buy/book/yesterday – I bought a book yesterday.



1. /he/get up/8:00 this morning

2. they/leave/work / 6:00 PM/ today

3. who/do/you/speak /party/last night?

4. she/wear/blue jeans/school/yesterday.

5. Kate/go shopping/Saturday.

6. who /drive/park/Sunday?

7. do/they/grow up/Vancouver?

8. i/put/laundry away.

9. Who/cut/your /hair?

10. she/hear/music/radio/this morning.

Answers:

1. **be - was/were**
2. **begin - began**
3. **break - broke**
4. **bring - brought**
5. **buy - bought**
6. **catch - caught**
7. **choose - chose**
8. **cut - cut**
9. **do - did**
10. **draw - drew**
11. **drink - drank**
12. **drive - drove**
13. **fall - fell**
14. **find - found**
15. **fly - flew**
16. **get - got**
17. **give - gave**
18. **go - went**
19. **grow - grew**
20. **have - had**
21. **hear - heard**
22. **know - knew**
23. **leave - left**
24. **make - made**
25. **meet - met**
26. **pay - paid**
27. **read - read (pronounced "red" in the past tense)**
28. **ride - rode**
29. **run - ran**
30. **say - said**
31. **see - saw**
32. **sell - sold**
33. **send - sent**
34. **sing - sang**
35. **speak - spoke**
36. **take - took**
37. **tell - told**
38. **wear - wore**
39. **win - won**
40. **write - wrote**