

Past Simple: Regular Verbs

Spelling rules for -ed. 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Most verbs: +ed | ends in -e: +d | consonant+y: y!'+ed | CVC: double consonant

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose the correctly spelled past simple form.

1. walk !' past simple?

2. play !' past simple?

3. dance !' past simple?

4. study !' past simple?

5. stop !' past simple?

6. like !' past simple?

7. carry !' past simple?

8. plan !' past simple?

9. open !' past simple?

10. enjoy !' past simple?

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write the past simple form of each verb.

1. work !' ____

2. clean !' ____

3. hope !' ____

4. marry !' ____

5. drop !' ____

6. travel !' ____ (British English)

7. try !' ____

8. decide !' ____

9. listen !' ____

10. chat !' ____

3 Exercise 3

HARD

Choose the correct past simple form to complete the sentence.

1. Yesterday I ____ (walk) to school because I missed the bus. She ____ (study) until midnight for her test.

3. They ____ (stop) the car and took some photos.

4. We ____ (visit) my grandparents last weekend.

5. He ____ (plan) the whole trip himself.

6. The children ____ (play) football all afternoon.

7. I ____ (decide) to stay home and rest.

8. She ____ (carry) all the shopping bags by herself.

9. We ____ (enjoy) the concert very much.

10. He ____ (open) the window because it was hot.

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Exercise 4

HARDER

Write the correct past simple form of the verb in brackets.

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|---|---|
| 1. Last night I ____ (finish) all my homework. | 2. She ____ (smile) and said nothing. |
| 3. We ____ (chat) for hours at the café. | 4. He ____ (copy) the notes from the board. |
| 5. They ____ (arrive) late to the party. | 6. I ____ (miss) the last train home. |
| 7. She ____ (clap) her hands when she heard the news. | 8. We ____ (hurry) to catch the bus. |
| 9. He ____ (join) the gym six months ago. | 10. They ____ (empty) the bin before they left. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: choose spelling

- 1 walked
- 2 played
- 3 danced
- 4 studied
- 5 stopped

- 6 liked
- 7 carried
- 8 planned
- 9 opened
- 10 enjoyed

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write form

- 1 worked
- 2 cleaned
- 3 hoped
- 4 married
- 5 dropped

- 6 travelled
- 7 tried
- 8 decided
- 9 listened
- 10 chatted

3 Exercise 3 Hard: complete sentence

- 1 walked
- 2 studied
- 3 stopped
- 4 visited
- 5 planned

- 6 played
- 7 decided
- 8 carried
- 9 enjoyed
- 10 opened

4 Exercise 4 Harder: write in context

- 1 finished
- 2 smiled
- 3 chatted
- 4 copied
- 5 arrived

- 6 missed
- 7 clapped
- 8 hurried
- 9 joined
- 10 emptied