

## 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.)

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

## Verb Bingo

		<b>Free</b>		

## 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

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

### Page 2.

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

### Page 3.

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?

### Page 4.

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.

### Page 5.

- 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

### Page 8.

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

### Page 9.

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...

### Page 10.

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?

### Page 11.

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

### Page 11.

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