G4.1a Simple Past and Simple Present Tense

What is simple past tense?

Simple past, which can also be known as **past simple**, is used to describe actions that have already happened and are now complete. For example:

> **We played a game of football.**

The **simple past** is usually formed by adding -ed or -d to the end of a root verb. However, irregular verbs do not follow this rule.

What is simple present tense?

Simple present, which can also be known as **present simple**, is used to show that an action is happening right now or that an action is happening regularly or indefinitely.

> **We like pancakes.**

> **He likes pancakes.**

For example:
The **simple present** is usually formed using a root verb. However, if the sentence is talking about someone or something in the third person (he/she/it), then -s or -es is added to the end of the root verb.

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1 Tick **one** box to complete the sentence below in **simple present** tense.

Every morning, my nan rushes out of the door to _____ her dog while the park is quiet.

is walking··· ☐

walking··· ☐

walk··· ☐

will walk··· ☐

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2 Complete the following sentence in **simple past** tense.

Last year, my dad and uncle _____ a cake for my birthday.

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3 Complete the sentence below with the **simple past** tense of the verbs in the boxes.

I _____ the art gallery with my class yesterday

> to visit

and we _____ the most amazing sculptures

> to see

....

4 Rewrite the following sentence in **simple present** tense. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

Every summer, we grew vegetables in our garden.

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_____

....

5 Which sentence below is written in **simple past** tense?   Tick **one**.

This is my favourite play park. ·· ☐

We play here most days after school. ····························· ☐

I fell off the slide once. ·· ☐

I love to play football on the field. ······························ ☐

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6 Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in **simple past tense** or **simple present tense.**

Sentence	Simple past tense	Simple present tense
We went shopping yesterday.		
I carried a heavy shopping bag.		
Every time we shop, my mum buys me a treat.		

G4.1b **Present Perfect and Past Perfect**

What is past perfect tense?

Past perfect describes completed events of the past that happened before another action took place.

> **'had' + past participle = past perfect tense**

> **I had played.**

> **We had played.**

A **past participle** is usually the root form of a verb with **-d** or **-ed** added to the end of it. Irregular verbs do not follow this rule.

What is present perfect tense?

The **present perfect** can be used to describe something that happened in the past and is continuing today, an action that was completed recently, or an action that did not happen at a specific time.

> **'have' or 'has' + past participle = present perfect tense**

> **I have played.**

> **She has played.**

1. Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?   Tick **one**.

   Not long after my brother _____ his new model plane, I accidentally dropped and broke it.

   has made .... ☐

   had made .... ☐

   made .... ☐

   was making .... ☐

2. Complete the following sentence in **present perfect** tense.

   I _____ the piano for three years.

3 Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**? Tick **one**.

Amelia _____ a book about ancient Egypt.

is reading .... ☐

had read .... ☐

has read .... ☐

reads .... ☐

4 Which sentence uses the **present perfect** form? Tick **one**.

William is eagerly awaiting his ice skating lesson. .... ☐

Every afternoon, Usman practises parkour. .... ☐

Josie is planning her trip to Italy. .... ☐

We have looked in every shop for my lost purse. .... ☐

5 Underline the verb form that is in the **present perfect** in the passage below.

Zoe enjoys dancing and has learnt ballet for the past five years. She was overjoyed when her dad said she could also start learning tap this year.

6 Complete the sentence in **past perfect** tense.

After Gita _____ her homework, she went outside to play in the garden.