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FREE GRAMMAR PRACTICE · FORMS 1–3

The Simple Past

Finished actions at a finished time in the past



Form	Example
regular: + -ed	walk → walk**ed** · stop → stop**ped** · study → stud**ied**
irregular	go → **went** · see → **saw** · buy → **bought**
not · question	I **did not go**. · **Did** you **go**?

Signal words: *yesterday, last week, two days ago, when I was young*

PART A Fill in

Fill in the simple past form of the verb in brackets.

1. Ben _____ (buy) a new football yesterday.
2. We _____ (stay) at a hotel near the beach last summer.
3. Lucy _____ (not go) to school on Monday.
4. The cat _____ (jump) onto the table and _____ (eat) the fish.
5. Paul _____ (study) for three hours last night.
6. _____ you _____ (see) the fireworks?
7. Tom _____ (not finish) his lunch.
8. The plane _____ (land) ten minutes ago.

PART B Story

Read the story. Fill in the simple past form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Last Saturday, Amy _____ (wake) up early and _____ (go) hiking with her dad.
2. They _____ (take) the bus to Sai Kung and _____ (walk) for two hours.
3. At the top, they _____ (sit) down and _____ (have) a picnic.
4. On the way down, it suddenly _____ (begin) to rain, so they _____ (run) to the bus stop.

Answers **A** 1 bought · 2 stayed · 3 did not go / didn't go · 4 jumped; ate · 5 studied · 6 Did; see · 7 did not finish / didn't finish · 8 landed **B** 1 woke; went · 2 took; walked · 3 sat; had · 4 began; ran

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