

English Teaching Worksheets

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Past Simple Tense Exercises

Part 1: Complete this passage about Isaac Newton using the past simple form of each verb.

Isaac Newton _____ (is) a famous English scientist who lived from 1642 to 1727. He is best known for his laws of motion and his theory of gravity. Newton was born in Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, England, and he _____ (show) an early interest in science and mathematics. He _____ (go) to college at Trinity College in Cambridge, where he _____ (study) mathematics and optics. After he _____ (graduate) from college, Newton _____ (return) to Woolsthorpe and _____ (spend) several years working on his own research. In 1687, he _____ (publish) his most famous work, *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*. This work laid out Newton's laws of motion and his theory of gravity. These laws have been used to explain the motion of objects on Earth and in space.

Part 2: Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form.

organize	travel	drive	eat	set	visit	graduate	enjoy
work	swim	sing	drink	hide	wake	ride	

1. She _____ as a waitress during her summer break.
2. At the talent show, she _____ a beautiful song that brought tears to the eyes of the judges.
3. We _____ to Europe when we were in high school.
4. On their vacation, they _____ bicycles through the countryside and marveled at the view.
5. They _____ from college last year.
6. Marcus and Hannah _____ coffee in the cozy café and talked for hours.
7. Frank felt like going for a swim, so he _____ to the local swimming pool.
8. The sun _____ beautifully over the ocean during our beach vacation.
9. They _____ the museum and learned a lot about ancient history.
10. The company _____ a team-building event last month to boost morale.
11. She walked to the park yesterday and _____ the fresh air.
12. On her trip to Croatia last month, Sally _____ in the ocean and had some wonderful food.
13. Aunt Beth _____ a delicious home-made apple pie at the family reunion.
14. Arnold wanted to watch the sun rise at the top of the mountain, so he _____ up very early and started hiking.
15. The dog _____ under the bed when the thunderstorm started.

Part 3: Sarah is asking Rose about a movie she saw last week. Write her questions.

1. Sarah: Which movie _____?

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Rose: I saw Quantum Rhapsody.

2. Sarah: When _____?

Rose: I saw it last Tuesday.

3. Sarah: _____?

Rose: I thought it was pretty good.

4. Sarah: How much _____?

Rose: I paid \$10 for the ticket.

5. Sarah: _____?

Rose: The movie was almost three hours long! I thought it could have been shorter.

Part 4: Write a paragraph about what you did yesterday. Write 7-10 sentences. Use the simple past tense.
