

Past Simple Exercises



1. Write the sentences from Present Simple in Past Simple:

- 1) My cousin lives in a very small flat.
(last year) _____
- 2) I get up at 8 o'clock every morning.
(yesterday) _____
- 3) Mary often tells a lie.
(in childhood) _____
- 4) ~~We usually~~ go to the park on Sundays in summer.
(last summer) _____

- 5) I go to Europe every spring.
(last spring) _____
- 6) Peter rides the bicycle to the post.
(2 days ago) _____

2. Write the past form for the verbs:

- 1) Our children (to play) _____ football last year.
- 2) I (not to cook) _____ my breakfast yesterday.
- 3) It (to be) _____ dark, so I (to turn on) _____ the lights.
- 4) We (to dance) _____ a lot at the party last Friday.
- 5) I (to see) Nick, but I (not to see) _____ ~~her~~ ^{Jessica}.
- 6) They (to go) _____ to the cinema, but they (not to like) _____ the film.
- 7) I (to work) _____ with Al at the post.

3. Choose the correct variant:

- 1) Mother ~~did/does/is doing~~ most part of Christmas preparations yesterday.
- 2) Long ago, they ~~build/built/were building~~ most houses out of wood.
- 3) My grandfather ~~did/was doing/had done~~ a lot in his short life.
- 4) The first modern Olympic Games ~~were taking /took /taken~~ place in Athens more than a hundred years ago.
- 5) My aunt and cousins ~~had arrived/have arrived/ arrived~~ last night.
- 6) Mary ~~shut/was shutting/shuts~~ the shop at 6 o'clock yesterday.
- 7) The police ~~catched/was catching/ caught~~ the thief.
- 8) Mother ~~sent/was sending/sent~~ dirty shirts to the laundry.
- 9) The boys ~~runned/ran/had runned~~ home to watch the evening TV show.
- 10) Chopin ~~composed/was composing/composes~~ some of his music in Majorca.
- 11) Mother ~~goed/was going/went~~ out shopping ten minutes ago.
- 12) I ~~was phoning/phoned/had phoned~~ you twice yesterday and ~~got/gatted/was getting~~ no answer.

