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EXERCISES ON THE SIMPLE PAST.

Name _____ **Group:** _____

A. Write the past simple of the following verbs

open - **opened**

love - _____ plan - _____ empty- _____ fry - _____ smoke- _____

play - _____ quarrel - _____ try - _____ die - _____ cry - _____

regret - _____

B. Fill in the blanks with the present simple or the past simple of the verb TO BE.

Today I am at home. It _____ Saturday morning and it _____ very cold. It's only a month since my family and I _____ on holiday in Portugal. The weather _____ fantastic; it _____ really hot and sunny. We _____ all happy then. I _____ missing the sun and the sea. Well, it _____ nice to be back home with all my friends.

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A) SIMPLE PAST

A. Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1. He **helped** (helped) his friend.
2. They _____ (decide) to go on a trip.
3. She _____ (visit) her grandmother.
4. His parents _____ (permit) him to go on a trip.
5. Jack _____ (enjoy) the film.
6. Mr. Rogers _____ (reply) to the letter.
7. Janet _____ (close) the door.
8. Bob and Susan _____ (plant) flowers in the garden.
9. The dog _____ (beg) for food.
10. Her husband _____ (taste) the cake.

B. Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1. We **saw** (see) them in the park yesterday.
2. They _____ (write) two letters last week.
3. Rina _____ (give) him a watch for his birthday.
4. They _____ (have) chicken for dinner.
5. The children _____ (go) to a film.
6. Harry _____ (buy) a new radio.
7. He _____ (come) to my house last night.
8. His uncle _____ (pay) for the toy.
9. The singers _____ (sing) a new song on television.
10. Mr. Hyde _____ (teach) English last year.
11. The dog _____ (bite) the boy.
12. They _____ (ride) their bicycles to school yesterday.

C. Rewrite the following sentences in the simple past. Change the time expressions in the sentence for those given in brackets.

1. He often practises the piano. (last week)
He practised the piano last week
2. The twins seldom visit their cousins in Rome. (a year ago)

3. We play football in the park on Sundays. (often)

4. They visit the museum once a month. (last week)

5. He washes his car every day. (once a month)

6. The doctor checks the patient every week. (the day before yesterday)

7. They worry about money all the time. (never)

He rarely goes to the cinema. (many months ago)

D. Write sentences in the simple past using the words given.

1. Tammy / buy / yesterday / some / clothes

Tammy bought some clothes yesterday

2. Roger / pizza / for lunch / eat / last Wednesday.

3. We / last summer / in the lake / swim

4. Eric / run / yesterday / all the way to school.

5. The trees / last winter / fall / in the storm.

6. The visitors / coffee / have / last night.

7. She / give / yesterday / the baby / a bottle.

The children / last year / on a camel / ride.

Donna / the book / lay / last week / on the table.

10. Sally / about a party / last night / dream.

11. Fred / basketball / yesterday / play.

12. The children / last week / the window / break / at school.

E. Rewrite the following sentences in the negative form using the words in brackets.

1. Betty bought some eggs. (any meat)

Betty didn't buy any meat

2. Al called his sister. (his brother)

3. Fred and Wilma wanted a new house. (a new car)

4. She put salt in the food. (in the sauce)

5. Our family watched the news. (the film)

6. I saw the forest. (the river)

7. The stranger wore a coat. (a hat)

8. The children went to the beach. (to the zoo)

9. Jean ate some oranges. (any apples)

10. She broke the plate. (the cup)

F. Use the appropriate wh-question to ask about the underlined words.

1. **Where did John go on Sunday?**

John went to the stadium on Sunday.

2. _____

She received many presents on her birthday.

3. _____

Larry won first prize in the tennis tournament.

4. _____

Joey wrote the best story..

5. _____

The tour group travelled across Europe.

6. _____

Sammy ate eggs, toast and cereal this morning.

7. _____

The little girl saw the car.

8. _____

Jill heard a loud scream last night.

9. _____

He gave her a watch for her birthday.

10. _____

The students wrote a story in class.