Past Simple exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

My parents _____ in Paris last year.

a) were b) are c) was

2. Fill in the gaps

_____ you busy on Friday? No, I _____.

Words: wasn't / Was / Were / not / weren't

3. Choose the right option

I _____ in a shop last summer.

a) works b) worked c) work

4. Choose the right option

Tom _____ a letter to his grandmother last week.

a) writed b) wrote c) writes

5. Fill in the gaps

I _____ hungry, so I _____ eat my dinner.

Words: didn't / weren't / wasn't / doesn't / no

6. Choose the right option

_____ you see Tom yesterday?

a) Were b) Do c) Did

7. Choose the right option

What did Tom _____ at the shop?

a) bought b) buy c) buys

8. Fill in the gaps

Anna came home _____ six o'clock _____ night.

Words: ago / last / on / in / at

9. Fill in the gaps

Yesterday I _____ tired, but my children _____ happy.

Words: is / am / was / are / were

10. Choose the right option

Tom _____ at work yesterday. It was Sunday.

a) isn't b) weren't c) wasn't

11. Choose the right option

Yesterday the bus _____ near the park.

a) stopped b) stops c) stoped

12. Fill in the gaps

Last night I _____ nine hours and _____ very good in the morning.

Words: slept / sleeped / felt / feeled / sleep

13. Put the words in order

Tell a friend that Anna missed the party yesterday

doesn't / no / to / Anna / the / come / party / didn't / yesterday

Not all words are needed.

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14. Choose the right option

Did Maria _____ a cake for your birthday?

a) made b) makes c) make

15. Fill in the gaps

What _____ your teacher _____ yesterday?

Words: say / did / said / was / does

16. Put the words in order

They / night / arrive / last / home / arrived / in

Not all words are needed.

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17. Put the words in order

Say where your parents spent last summer

was / parents / summer / Italy / in / were / are / last / My

Not all words are needed.

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18. Choose the right option

_____ you at the party last night?

a) Were b) Was c) Are

19. Fill in the gaps

Yesterday we _____ football and then _____ TV.

Words: play / plaied / played / watch / watched

20. Put the words in order

left / They / party / leaved / the / leaves / early

Not all words are needed.

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21. Choose the right option

I didn't _____ TV last night.

a) watched b) watching c) watch

22. Fill in the gaps

_____ Sam _____ to school yesterday?

Words: go / Did / went / Was / Does

23. Put the words in order

Ask your friend about the food at the party

party / eat / you / were / ate / the / What / did / at

Not all words are needed.

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24. Choose the right option

Tom and Maria met _____.

a) ago two years b) two years ago c) before two years

Answers

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1. **were**

   My parents = *they*, so we use *were*. We use *was* with *I*, *he*, *she* and *it*.

2. **Were ... wasn't**

   The question is about *you*, so we use *Were*. The answer has *I*, so we use *wasn't*, not *weren't* or *not*.

3. **worked**

   Last summer shows the past, so we add *-ed* to *work*.

4. **wrote**

   Last week shows the past. *Write* is irregular: *wrote*, not *writed*.

5. **wasn't ... didn't**

   With *hungry* we need *was*, so we use *wasn't*. With an ordinary verb like *eat*, we use *didn't*.

6. **Did**

   Yesterday shows the past, so we start the question with *Did*. We don't use *Were* with *see*.

7. **buy**

   After *did*, we use the infinitive: *buy*, not *bought*.

8. **at ... last**

   We use *at* for clock times. We don't put *in* or *on* before *last*: *last night*.

9. **was ... were**

   We use *was* with *I* and *were* with *my children* (*they*). *Yesterday* shows the past, so not *am* or *are*.

10. **wasn't**

    Tom = *he*, so we use *wasn't*. *Yesterday* shows the past, so not *isn't*.

11. **stopped**

    Yesterday shows the past. We double the *p* in *stop*: *stopped*, not *stoped*.

12. **slept ... felt**

    Sleep and *feel* are irregular: *slept* and *felt*. We don't add *-ed* to them.

13. **Anna didn't come to the party yesterday.**

    Yesterday shows the past, so we use *didn't*, not *doesn't*. Then the infinitive: *come*.

14. **make**

    After *did*, we use the infinitive: *make*, not *made*.

15. **did ... say**

    Yesterday shows the past, so we use *did* after *what*. Then the infinitive: *say*, not *said*.

16. **They arrived home last night.**

    We don't put *in* before *last*: *last night*. It shows the past, so *arrived*.

17. My parents were in Italy last summer.

My parents = *they*, so we use *were*. *Last summer* shows the past, so not *are*.

18. Were

With *you* we use *were*, before the subject. *Last night* shows the past, so not *Are*.

19. played ... watched

Yesterday shows the past, so both verbs end in *-ed*. *Play* has a vowel before the *y*, so we just add *-ed*: *played*.

20. They left the party early.

Leave is irregular: its Past Simple is *left*, not *leaved*.

21. watch

After *didn't*, we use the infinitive. *Didn't* already shows the past, so no *-ed*.

22. Did ... go

Yesterday shows the past, so *Did* comes before the subject. Then the infinitive: *go*, not *went*.

23. What did you eat at the party?

After *what*, put *did*, then *you* and the infinitive *eat*, not *ate*.

24. two years ago

Ago comes after the time: *two years ago*, not *ago two years*. To count back from now, we use *ago*, not *before*.