ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Past Simple (Regular Verbs) MCQ Grammar Quiz – Test – Exercise

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Explanations

1. My classmate and I _____ our teacher a question about the test.
✔ **B) asked**
This is a finished action in the past, so we use the past simple: **ask** + **-ed** = **asked**. Not **was asking**, because the subject is two people, so it would need **were**.

2. John wanted to _____ work yesterday but he was sick.
✔ **A) go to**
After **wanted to** we use the base verb, and we say **go to work**. So: **wanted to go to work**.

3. They _____ to the park because they were very tired.
✔ **C) didn’t walk**
For a negative in the past simple, use **didn't** + base verb: **didn't walk**.

4. (A) Did you talk to your boss?

(B) Yes, I _____.
✔ **B) did**
A short answer to a **Did …?** question uses **did**: **Yes, I did.**

5. He _____ twenty minutes for the bus yesterday.
✔ **B) waited**
Yesterday tells us it is the past, so we use the past simple: **waited**.

6. (A) _____ they fix their bicycles?

(B) Yes, they _____.
✔ **A) Did / did**
Past simple questions start with **Did** + base verb: **Did they fix …?** The short answer is **Yes, they did.**

7. Where _____ you go to school when you were young?
✔ **A) did**
When you were young shows the past. A past simple question uses **did** + base verb: **Where did you go …?**

8. They _____ go camping in a park when they were children.
✔ **C) liked to**
We say **like to** + verb: **They liked to go camping.** Not **liked** or **didn't like** alone, because they need **to** before **go**.

9. I had to _____ dinner last night, so I couldn’t watch the TV program.
✔ **A) cook**
After **had to** we use the base verb: **had to cook**.

10. (A) Did you _____ the book?

(B) No, I _____.
✔ **C) finish / didn’t**
Did you + base verb: **Did you finish …?** The short negative answer is **No, I didn't.**

11. Why _____ you wash the dirty dishes last week?
✔ **A) didn’t**
A negative question in the past simple uses **didn't** + base verb: **Why didn't you wash …?**

12. He _____ see a dentist yesterday because he had a toothache.
✔ **B) wanted to**
Yesterday shows the past, and we need **to** before **see**: **He wanted to see a dentist.**

13. I _____ at the library very late last night.
✔ **B) stayed**
In a positive past simple sentence, just add **-ed**: **I stayed**. Don't use **did** or **was** with it.

14. Mr. Johnson _____ for help when he fell in the water.
✔ **C) shouted**
Fell shows the past, so we use the past simple: **shouted**.

15. She didn’t answer the phone because she _____ hear it ring.
✔ **A) didn’t**
Hear is a verb, so the past negative is **didn't** + base verb: **she didn't hear it**. Not **wasn't**, because we don't use **was** with **hear** here.

16. I _____ tennis yesterday because I don’t know how to play tennis.
✔ **C) didn’t play**
The past negative is **didn't** + base verb: **didn't play**. Not **didn't played**, because after **didn't** the verb has no **-ed**.