ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Tenses Review Past and Present Simple Tenses MCQ Grammar Quiz – Test – Exercise

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## Explanations

**1.** I didn't _____ the answer to the last test question yesterday.
✓ **A) know**
After **didn't**, use the base form of the verb: **I didn't know**. Not **knew**, because **didn't** already shows the past.

**2.** (A) Are you busy now?

(B) Yes, I _____.
✓ **C) am**
The question is about **now**, and with **I** we use **am**: **Yes, I am.**

**3.** How many people _____ there at the meeting last week?
✓ **A) were**
**Last week** is the past, and **people** is plural, so we use **were**. Not **was**, because **was** is for one person or thing.

**4.** I _____ a new pair of sunglasses on Saturday.
✓ **B) bought**
**On Saturday** here means last Saturday, so we use the past form: **bought** (buy – bought).

**5.** Why _____ Mr. and Mrs. Smith at home today?
✓ **A) aren't**
**At home** has no main verb, so we use the verb **be**. **Mr. and Mrs. Smith** is plural, so **aren't**.

**6.** Do you _____ it will rain later this afternoon?
✓ **B) think**
After **Do you**, use the base form of the verb: **Do you think …?**

**7.** My little brother _____ cartoons on TV every weekend.
✓ **B) watches**
**Every weekend** shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **he/she/it** (**my little brother**), add **-es**: **watches**.

**8.** I _____ go shopping last night because I was too tired.
✓ **C) didn't**
**Go** is a main verb, so the past negative is **didn't** + base form: **I didn't go**. Not **wasn't**, because we don't say **wasn't go**.

**9.** Did Tom and Patrick _____ to school last week?
✓ **A) go**
After **Did**, use the base form of the verb: **Did Tom and Patrick go …?** Not **went**, because **did** already shows the past.

**10.** _____ you at the company meeting last Tuesday?
✓ **C) Were**
**Last Tuesday** is the past, and with **you** we use **were**: **Were you at the meeting?**

**11.** Where _____ Kelly go to high school last year?
✓ **C) did**
**Go** is a main verb, so past questions use **did** + base form: **Where did Kelly go …?** Not **was**, because we don't say **was Kelly go**.

**12.** I think Tommy _____ the last cookie from the cookie jar this morning.
✓ **A) took**
**This morning** is finished, so we use the past form: **took** (take – took).

**13.** (A) Were you at work yesterday?

(B) Yes, I _____.
✓ **B) was**
**Yesterday** is the past, and with **I** we use **was**: **Yes, I was.** Not **were**, because **were** is for **you, we, they**.

**14.** Where _____ you and your family travel on your holiday?
✓ **B) did**
**Travel** is a main verb, so the past question uses **did** + base form: **Where did you travel?** Not **were**, because we don't say **were you travel**.

**15.** Who _____ your science teacher last year?
✓ **B) was**
**Last year** is the past, and **your science teacher** is one person, so we use **was**.

**16.** James wasn't on the basketball team before, but he _____ now.
✓ **C) is**
**Now** shows the present, and we repeat the verb **be** from **wasn't**: **he is (on the team) now**. Not **does**, because the first part uses **be**, not a main verb.