ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

The Past Simple Tense With Regular Verbs Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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Explanations

1. A: _____ you finish the book yesterday?

B: No, _____.
✔ **C) Did / I didn't**
In past questions, we use **did** + verb: **Did you finish…?** A short answer uses **did** too: **No, I didn't.**

2. Yesterday we _____ our primary teacher, Mrs Brown. _____ pleased to see us.
✔ **C) visited / She was**
Yesterday tells us it is the past, so we use **visited**. Mrs Brown is one woman, so we say **She was**.

3. A: When _____ from university?

B: Last month.
✔ **A) did you graduate**
In past questions we use **did** + the base verb: **did you graduate**. Not **graduated**, because after **did** the verb has no -ed.

4. A: Why _____ Mrs Blue end the lesson early?

B: Because she _____ ill.
✔ **A) did / was**
End is a normal verb, so the question uses **did**. She ended the lesson early because she **was** ill.

5. Today _____ our wedding anniversary. We _____ ten years ago.
✔ **C) is / married**
Today is now, so we use **is**. **Ten years ago** is the past, so we use **married**.

6. We are sorry for being late. There _____ an accident so the roads _____ closed. We _____ for three hours.
✔ **D) was / were / waited**
An accident is one thing, so **was**. **The roads** are many, so **were**. It is the past, so **waited**.

7. Alexander Fleming _____ penicillin in 1928.
✔ **C) discovered**
In 1928 is the past, so we add -ed: **discovered**. We **discover** something that is already in nature, like penicillin; we **invent** a new machine. Not **invented**, because Fleming found penicillin; he did not make it.

8. Last night Tim _____ the piano at the party. Everybody _____ it a lot.
✔ **D) played / liked**
Last night is the past, so both verbs end in -ed: **played** and **liked**.

9. A: What _____ to do at the weekend?

B: They decided to have a barbecue party.
✔ **D) did your parents decide**
Past questions use **did** + the base verb: **did your parents decide**. Not **decided**, because after **did** there is no -ed.

10. My uncle is a firefighter. Last night he _____ a little girl from the huge fire.
✔ **A) rescued**
Last night is the past, and he did the action himself, so we say **rescued**. Not **was rescued**, because he saved the girl; nobody saved him.

11. It _____ yesterday but it _____ heavily.
✔ **B) didn't rain / snowed**
But shows two different ideas: there was no rain (**didn't rain**), but there was snow (**snowed**).

12. Last weekend we _____ to Ankara by train but the train _____ late. It _____ after two hours.
✔ **D) travelled / was / departed**
Last weekend is the past: **travelled**, **was** (one train), **departed**. In British English **travel** doubles the l: **travelled**.

13. Who _____ for you in front of the door last night?
✔ **D) waited**
When **Who** asks about the person who did the action, we don't use **did**: **Who waited for you?** Not **did wait**, because **who** is the person doing it.

14. Last summer, we were on holiday in Spain and we _____ in a luxurious hotel.
✔ **A) stayed**
On holiday we **stay** in a hotel for a short time. Not **lived**, because we live in our home for a long time.

15. Frank _____ Sarah into the swimming pool. He _____ a lot but Sarah _____ to shout 'HELP'.
✔ **B) pushed / laughed / started**
The story is in the past, so all three verbs end in -ed: **pushed**, **laughed**, **started**.

16. Uncle John _____ me with my homework last Friday.
✔ **A) helped**
We say **help someone with something**: **He helped me with my homework. Last Friday** is the past, so **helped**.