

2^e année ANGLAIS
GRAMMAR – SIMPLE PAST
EXERCISES
CORRECTIF



1) Conjugué « to be » au simple past.

1. The children (be) **were** very happy when they (be) **were** on holiday.

2. - (be-your best friend) **was your best friend** at school yesterday?

- No, she **wasn't**.

3. My parents (not be) **weren't** very happy when they saw my bad results. I told them the test (be) **was** very difficult but they refused to believe me.

4. I (be) **was** very sad when she told me her father (be) **was** ill.

5. You (be) **were** in the garden and she (be) **was** in the kitchen.

6. (they-not-be) **they weren't** very tired after running 10 miles?

Of course, they **weren't** !

7. That book (be-not) **wasn't** interesting. It (be) **was** boring.

8. (be-she) **was she** ill last week?

9. - (be-all the students of that school) **were all the students of that school** on holiday last Friday?

- Yes, they **were** .

10. We (be) **were** very frightened when we saw a snake in the garden.

11. Sam's new neighbour (be-not) **wasn't** very kind.

12. Alveston (not be) **wasn't** very noisy. It (be) **was** a quiet village.

13. There (be) **were** a lot of parks in the town.

14. - (be-they) **were they** very interested in learning English with Jelly?

- Yes, they (be) **were** really very enthusiastic !

15. It (be) **was** the best day of my life !

2) Conjugue les verbes réguliers ci-dessous au simple past

1. My sister (play) **played** in the garden.

2. I (visit) **visited** my grandparents last weekend.

3. She (work-never) **never worked** at the weekend.

4. Your brothers (not like) **didn't like** eating cabbage when they (be) **were** kids. But they (like) **liked** eating carrots.

5. I (watch) **watched** cartoons when I (stay) **stayed** at my grandmother's.

6. Why (you-wash) **did you wash** the car yesterday?

7. We (ask) **asked** the teacher to explain how to do the exercise.

8. The neighbour (paint) **painted** the kitchen blue.

9. He (help) **helped** me move and (carry) **carried** my boxes.

10. Why (they-not listen) **didn't they listen** to the teacher?

11. Those children (obey) **obeyed** their parents.

12. I (phone) **phoned** my friend every day when she (be) **was** in hospital.

13. The shopkeeper (wrap) **wrapped** the present in red paper.

14. My grandmother (walk) **walked** her dog every evening.

15. I (clean) **cleaned** the house before Christmas.

16. He (cook-always) **always cooked** fish on Fridays.

17. - When (your best friends-arrive) **did your best friends arrive** at the party?

- They (arrive) **arrived** at 9 p.m.

- (they-enjoy) **did they enjoy** themselves?

- Yes, they (enjoy) **enjoyed** a lot.

13. We (empty) **emptied** the boxes and (tidy) **tidied** the room.

14. The teacher (not-correct) **didn't correct** the tests.

15. When (your mother-collect) **did your mother collect** all those stamps?

16. The policemen (arrest) **arrested** the thieves.

17. She (want) **wanted** to see a doctor.

18. They (call) **called** their son Benny. He (measure) **measured** 51 cm and (weigh) **weighed** 3kg360.

19. He (park) **parked** his car in front of the shop.

20. - When (you-post) **did you post** the letter ?

- I (post) **posted** it the day before yesterday.

21. My father (stop) **stopped** smoking two months ago.

22. Last year, I (move) **moved** to the countryside.

23. We (receive) **received** toys and sweets on December 6th.

24. The cook (peel) **peeled** a lot of potatoes.

25. Three weeks ago, my father (talk) **talked** with his boss.

26. Last year, I (change) **changed** schools.

27. The manager (offer) **offered** my mother a new job.

28. The accident (occur) **occurred** last night.

29. Michael Jackson (live) **lived** in the USA. He (dance) **danced** very well.

30. He (admit) **admitted** copying his neighbour's answers.

3) Conjugue les verbes réguliers et irréguliers ci-dessous au simple past.

1. My best friend (live) **lived** in Scotland but she (move) **moved** to Wales last year.

2. I (be) **was** afraid of spiders when I (be) **was** a kid.

3. She (drink) **drank** a lot of wine and (say) **said** a lot of stupid things.

4. - Who (you-see) **did you see** last night?

- I (see) **saw** our new neighbours. We (discuss) **discussed** the terrible weather.

5. When I (go) **went** to the sea with my father, we (have) **had** lunch in a restaurant that (serve) **served** very good mussels. They (be) **were** delicious.

6. The weather (not be) **wasn't** very nice: at first it (rain) **rained** a lot, the temperature (fall) **fell** and it (begin) **began** to snow. We (put on) **put on** our warm clothes and (wear) **wore** hats.

7. – She (break) **broke** her leg last winter during her ski holiday in Switzerland.

- How (it-happen) **did it happen?**

-She (not-see) **didn't see** a snowboarder and (crash) **crashed** into him.

- (go-she) **did she go** to hospital?

- Of course she **did** ! A helicopter (fly) **flew** to the scene and (take) **took** her to the hospital in Geneva. The doctors (operate) **operated** on her for several hours and (put) **put** her leg in plaster.

- Her parents (not be) **weren't** with her?

- No they **weren't** but when they (hear) **heard** about the accident, they immediately (decide) **decided** to leave for Geneva.

- What (happen) **happened** then?

- Her parents (bring) **brought** her back home. Her leg (stay) **stayed** in plaster for three weeks but she (recover) **recovered** very quickly.

8. – (you-go) **did you go** to the party last Saturday?

- Yes, **I did** .

- (it-be) **was it** nice? (be-there) **there were** a lot of people who you (know) **knew** ?

9. She never (eat) **ate** raw vegetables when she (be) **was** pregnant.

10. We (decorate) **decorated** the Christmas tree with ribbons last month.

11. Mother (not-cook) **didn't cook** a turkey for Christmas but she (make) **made** a delicious Yule log or "bûche de Noël".

12. What (they-do) **did they do** on New Year's Eve?

13. Grandmother (phone) **phoned** me last night.

14. They (play) **played** cards yesterday evening.

15. He (come) **came** with us on holiday. We (ski) **skied** in the Alps. In the evening we (watch) **watched** TV or (read) **read** books.

16. She (give) **gave** me a very nice present on my birthday. I (be) **was** very happy.

17. My parents (call) **called** the doctor because my sister (be) **was** feeling bad. When he (arrive) **arrived**, her temperature (be) **was** very high and she (be) **was** in a lot of pain. She (have) **had** a terrible headache. So the doctor (prescribe) **prescribed** some aspirin. I (go) **went** to the chemist's and (buy) **bought** the medicine.

18. There (be) **was** a lot of noise in the classroom.

19. (The students-study) **did the students study** much for the exams?

20. There (be) **were** no sandwiches but there (be) **was** a lot of cake.

4) Rédige ces phrases à la forme négative du past simple

1. My brother lived in Oxford.

My brother didn't live in Oxford.

2. She liked chocolate mousse.

She didn't like chocolate mousse.

3. The weather was very cold.

The weather wasn't very cold.

4. I went to school in Edinburgh.

I didn't go to school in Edinburgh.

5. There were a lot of presents in the Christmas stockings.

There weren't a lot of presents in the Christmas stockings.

6. We ate delicious home-made bread.

We didn't eat delicious home-made bread.

7. They carried heavy bags.

They didn't carry heavy bags.

8. She travelled a lot when she was younger because she had a lot of money.

She didn't travel a lot when she was younger because she didn't have a lot of money.

9. You paid far too much for this leather bag.

You didn't pay far too much for this leather bag.

10. Did you read J.K. Rowling's latest book?

Didn't you read J.K. Rowling's latest book ?

5) Pose les questions adéquates au past simple.

1. How often did you go to the swimming pool?

I went to the swimming pool twice a week.

2. Where did she buy the scarf?

She bought the scarf at Debenhams.

3. Who did you talk to?

I talked to the headmaster.

4. Who did find the key?

My wife found the key.

5. Why did they arrive late?

They arrived late because they didn't hear the alarm-clock.



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