



THE PAST SIMPLE

KEY EXERCISES

Exercise 1

-ed	-d	-ied	consonant x 2 + -ed
cleaned waited stayed failed enjoyed explained	lived liked agreed cared used	studied cried married buried	shopped stopped labelled hopped jogged clapped preferred

Exercise 2

robbed / used / travelled / carried / hurried /
entered / started / dropped

Exercise 3

1. had, 2. went, 3. swam, 4. ran, 5. met, 6. ate /
drank, 7. slept / was

Exercise 4

- came – to come
- began – to begin
- made – to make
- sang – to sing
- chose – to choose
- did – to do
- held – to hold
- fell – to fall
- drove – to drive
- taught – to teach
- told – to tell
- stood – to stand

Exercise 5

Fonske didn't clean the house.
He didn't feed the cat.
He telephoned Zulma.
He watched a film on TV.
He didn't visit his grandparents.
He didn't bring them a cake.

Exercise 6

Bob **was** a young sailor. He **lived** in England, but he **was** often away with his ship. One summer he **came** back from a long voyage and **found** new neighbours near his mother's house. They **had** a pretty daughter, and Bob soon **loved** her and he **wanted** to marry her when he **came** back. Bob **promised** the girl to send a present from every

port. Bob's first post **was** Capetown in Africa, and he **sent** the girl a parrot from there. The parrot **spoke** three languages. When Bob's ship **reached** Australia, a letter **came** from the girl. The letter **said**, "Thank your for the parrot, Bob. It tasted much better than a chicken."

Exercise 7

- Did he go to school yesterday?
- Why did you go home early?
- Where did you learn English?
- Did she work today?
- What did you do yesterday?
- Did they phone you last night?

Exercise 8

- Did he swim in the pool?
- Did she buy apples?
- Did they speak French?
- Did he come on time?
- Did she fly to Paris?
- Did he catch a big fish?
- Did you shut the windows?

Exercise 9

- When did they leave the school?
- Why did she not go to work?
- How much did you spend on groceries?
- Who did Jefke speak to?
- Who spoke to the boss?