

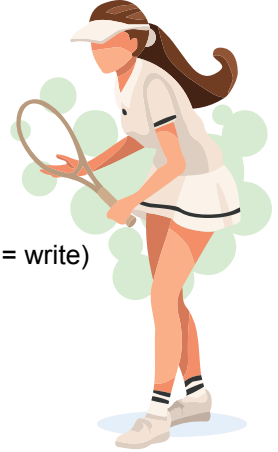
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Simple Verb Tense Practice

Part 1: Form Past Simple Verb Tense

For each of the following sentences, fill in the blank with the **past simple form** of the verb in parentheses.

1. Sally _____ four tennis championships last year. (verb = win)
2. Phil _____ coffee all afternoon, and now he can't sleep. (verb = drink)
3. Mallory only _____ her last boyfriend for a week. (verb = date)
4. Howie _____ in Chicago for a year before he moved to New York. (verb = live)
5. Susan _____ for Trident Community College for seven months. (verb = work)
6. William _____ love letters to Beth for a year before she agreed to go out with him. (verb = write)
7. Callie _____ with ghosts for the last few years of her life. (verb = communicate)
8. Cindy and Brad _____ all the time. That's probably why they broke up. (verb = fight)
9. Who _____ all of my leftover pizza? (verb = eat)
10. She _____ out every night last week. (verb = go)



Part 2: Identify Simple Present vs. Future Verb Tenses

Indicate which simple verb tense (past, present or future) is included in the highlighted phrase in each sentence below. Mark the correct answer.

1. I **go to** school every day. _____ simple past tense _____ simple present tense _____ simple future tense
2. I **will play** basketball in college. _____ simple past tense _____ simple present tense _____ simple future tense
3. My sister **played with** dolls all the time. _____ simple past tense _____ simple present tense _____ simple future tense
4. I **took my medicine** this morning. _____ simple past tense _____ simple present tense _____ simple future tense
5. She **smiles** too much. _____ simple past tense _____ simple present tense _____ simple future tense

Part 3: Form Simple Tense Statements and Questions

Put the words and phrases in the following sentences in the correct order to form complete sentences or questions.

The phrases marked by / symbols should not be broken up. Rewrite each one in proper order in the space provided.

1. I was / when you called. / eating doughnuts _____
2. the violin / Lauren / for several years. / played _____
3. at noon? / Why / you / just arriving to work / were _____
4. she / cry / Did / when you told her? _____
5. very hard / Alex / worked / last week. _____
6. Patricia / her husband / cooked dinner / was / while / playing golf.

7. emails / answering / at 9:00 this morning. / I was _____
8. write emails / you / all morning? / Did _____
9. did / What / John / work on / yesterday? _____
10. worked on / the car / John / yesterday. _____

Answer Key: Simple Verb Tense Practice

Part 1: Form Past Simple Verb Tense

For each of the following sentences, fill in the blank with the **past simple form** of the verb in parentheses.

1. Sally won four tennis championships last year. (verb = win)
2. Phil drank coffee all afternoon, and now he can't sleep. (verb = drink)
3. Mallory only dated her last boyfriend for a week. (verb = date)
4. Howie lived in Chicago for a year before he moved to New York. (verb = live)
5. Susan worked for Trident Community College for seven months. (verb = work)
6. William wrote love letters to Beth for a year before she agreed to go out with him. (verb = write)
7. Callie communicated with ghosts for the last few years of her life. (verb = communicate)
8. Cindy and Brad fought all the time. That's probably why they broke up. (verb = fight)
9. Who ate all of my leftover pizza? (verb = eat)
10. She went out every night last week. (verb = go)

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2. I **will play** basketball in college. ___ simple past tense ___ simple present tense X simple future tense
3. My sister **played with** dolls all the time. X simple past tense ___ simple present tense ___ simple future tense
4. I **took my medicine** this morning. X simple past tense ___ simple present tense ___ simple future tense
5. She **smiles** too much. ___ simple past tense X simple present tense ___ simple future tense

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4. she / cry / Did / when you told her? Did she cry when you told her?
5. very hard / Alex / worked / last week. Alex worked very hard last week.
6. Patricia / her husband / cooked dinner / was / while / playing golf. 2 equally correct answers: 1. Patricia cooked dinner while her husband was playing golf. 2. Patricia was playing golf while her husband cooked dinner.
7. emails / answering / at 9:00 this morning. / I was I was answering emails at 9:00 this morning.
8. write emails / you / all morning? / Did Did you write emails all morning?
9. did / What / John / work on / yesterday? What did John work on yesterday?
10. worked on / the car / John / yesterday. John worked on the car yesterday.