Past Tenses

CEFR A2 · Irregular verbs, negatives, questions and time words

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Worksheet 1: Irregular Past Simple

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: Verbs That Don't Add -ed

Many common verbs are **irregular**: they do not add -ed. You have to learn them. Here are some of the most frequent ones.

Infinitive	Past simple	Infinitive	Past simple
go	went	see	saw
have	had	take	took
get	got	give	gave
make	made	come	came
eat	ate	buy	bought
drink	drank	leave	left

Part A – Write the Past Simple

1. go → _____
2. see → _____
3. eat → _____
4. buy → _____
5. have → _____
6. take → _____

Part B – Complete with the Past Simple

1. Yesterday we _____ (go) to the cinema.
2. She _____ (buy) a new phone last week.
3. They _____ (eat) pizza for dinner.
4. I _____ (see) a great film.
5. He _____ (give) me a present.

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Negatives & Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: did / didn't + Base Form

For negatives and questions, use **did/didn't + base form** — even with irregular verbs. The irregular past form (*went, saw, ate*) does NOT appear after did/didn't.

Positive	Negative	Question
I **went**.	I **didn't go**.	**Did** you **go**?
She **saw** it.	She **didn't see** it.	**Did** she **see** it?
They **ate**.	They **didn't eat**.	**Did** they **eat**?

> **✗ Did you went? / I didn't saw. → ✓ Did you go? / I didn't see.**

Part A – Make it Negative

1. I saw him. → _____
2. She went out. → _____
3. They ate lunch. → _____
4. He bought the tickets. → _____

Part B – Make a Question

1. You had breakfast. → _____
2. She took the bus. → _____
3. They came late. → _____

Part C – Correct the Mistake

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	Did you saw the news?	
2	She didn't went to work.	
3	They didn't ate anything.	
4	Did he made dinner?	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Time Words & Ago

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: When Did It Happen?

The past simple often comes with a finished-time word: **yesterday, last night/ week/ year, in 2015, this morning**, or **ago** (a time + ago = before now: *two days ago*). These words usually go at the end of the sentence, or at the start with a comma.

Time word	Example
yesterday	I called her **yesterday**.
last + noun	We met **last week**.
in + year	They moved here **in 2018**.
... ago	He left ten minutes **ago**.

Part A – Choose the Time Word

Complete with *yesterday, last, ago,* or *in*.

1. I saw that film two weeks _____.
2. She was born _____ 2001.
3. We went to Spain _____ summer.
4. They arrived _____ — I saw them in the morning.

Part B – Make Sentences with 'ago'

1. (I / finish / school / three years) _____
2. (we / move / here / a month) _____
3. (she / call / me / an hour) _____

Part C – Build the Sentence

#	Parts	Sentence
1	last night / to the party / we / went	
2	a coffee / ago / bought / I / ten minutes	
3	in 2019 / met / they / at university	
4	yesterday / didn't / she / come	

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Part A – Edit the Story

This story has **six** errors (irregular forms, did/didn't + base, or time words). Underline and correct them.

> Last summer my family goed to the mountains. We leaved early in the morning and drived for three hours. When we arrived, we buyed some food and had a picnic. My brother didn't wanted to walk, but we seen a beautiful lake. Did you ever went to the mountains? It was two years before, but I remember it well.

#	Error	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Part B – Writing

Write 80–100 words about a trip or a special day in the past. Use the past simple with at least **four irregular verbs** and at least **two time words**. Underline each irregular verb.

#	Line
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

Irregular verbs: _____ / 4 Time words: _____ / 2 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 went · 2 saw · 3 ate · 4 bought · 5 had · 6 took

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 went · 2 bought · 3 ate · 4 saw · 5 gave

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 I didn't see him. · 2 She didn't go out. · 3 They didn't eat lunch. · 4 He didn't buy the tickets.

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 Did you have breakfast? · 2 Did she take the bus? · 3 Did they come late?

Worksheet 2 – Part C

1 Did you see the news? · 2 She didn't go to work. · 3 They didn't eat anything. · 4 Did he make dinner?

The irregular form appears only in positive statements; after did/didn't every verb is a base form.

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 ago · 2 in · 3 last · 4 yesterday

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 I finished school three years ago. · 2 We moved here a month ago. · 3 She called me an hour ago.

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 We went to the party last night. · 2 I bought a coffee ten minutes ago. · 3 They met at university in 2019. · 4 She didn't come yesterday.

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 went to the mountains · 2 We left early · 3 drove for three hours · 4 bought some food · 5 didn't want to walk / we saw a beautiful lake · 6 Did you ever go…? / It was two years ago

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Irregular verbs	Four+ correct past forms	0–4
Negatives & questions	did/didn't + base form	0–4
Time words	Two+ used correctly (ago, last, in, yesterday)	0–3
Task & length	80–100 words; coherent narrative	0–4