SPARROW READERS A2

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Past Simple

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Grammar summary

Subject / verb	Affirmative	Negative
I / You / We / They	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
He / She / It	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
be: I / He / She / It	was	was not / wasn't
be: You / We / They	were	were not / weren't

Use past simple for finished events: yesterday, last week, in 2020.
Regular: play - played; live - lived; study - studied; stop - stopped.
After did not / didn't, use the base verb: She didn't go.

01 Mix regular and irregular verbs

Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Example: We brought a picnic. (bring)

1. She _____ early yesterday. (leave)
2. We _____ our holiday last week. (plan)
3. I _____ a present yesterday. (choose)
4. They _____ the test last Friday. (finish)
5. He _____ the window yesterday. (break)
6. You _____ hard last night. (study)

02 Complete the negatives

Use the negative past simple.

1. She _____ the answer yesterday. (not / know)
2. We _____ home early yesterday. (not / come)
3. He _____ the game last night. (not / win)
4. They _____ us last week. (not / tell)

03 Remember be

Use was/were or their negative forms.

1. The news _____ surprising yesterday. (be)
2. The people _____ friendly yesterday. (be)
3. I _____ at the meeting yesterday. (not / be)
4. You _____ ready yesterday. (not / be)

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Base verb	Past form	Example
go / see	went / saw	We went home. We saw a film.
eat / buy	ate / bought	He ate lunch. He bought a book.
have / make	had / made	I had dinner. I made a cake.
take / write	took / wrote	She took a photo. She wrote an email.

Irregular past forms must be learned; they do not take -ed.
Negative: I didn't see it. With be: I wasn't there; they weren't there.
Choose the form from the finished past time and the instruction.

04 Present habits and finished past

Use present simple for usually and past simple for yesterday.

Example: I play every day. I played yesterday.

1. She usually _____ to school. (walk)
2. Yesterday she _____ to school. (walk)
3. He usually _____ by bus. (go)
4. Yesterday he _____ by bus. (go)

05 Avoid the common mistakes

Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. He didn't _____ yesterday. (leave)
2. He _____ yesterday. (leave)
3. They didn't _____ last night. (win)
4. They _____ last night. (win)

06 An unexpected afternoon

Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Nora _____ her keys yesterday. (lose)
2. She _____ worried. (be)
3. She _____ them in her bag. (not / find)
4. Her brother _____ her. (help)
5. They _____ the keys under the sofa. (find)
6. Nora _____ him for his help. (thank)