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Basics: Past Simple - Regular and Irregular Verbs

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1. Choose the correct verbs to complete the amateur ghost hunter's thrilling blog post.

Last night, my friends and I _____ to the abandoned mansion at the end of the street. We _____ slowly up the creaky wooden stairs. Suddenly, we _____ incredibly scared when a heavy door slammed shut by itself. We _____ as loudly as we could and ran all the way back to my house!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
- **A)** go
- **B)** went
- **C)** going

Blank 2
- **A)** walk
- **B)** walked
- **C)** walking

Blank 3
- **A)** getted
- **B)** get
- **C)** got

Blank 4
- **A)** scream
- **B)** screamed
- **C)** screaming

2. Help the sleepy college student complete his ridiculous excuse to the professor by choosing the correct words.

I _____ on my essay until 3 AM, so I _____ almost no sleep. When I finally woke up, I _____ to campus but accidentally _____ to the wrong classroom!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
- **A)** work
- **B)** worked
- **C)** working

Blank 2
- **A)** gets
- **B)** got
- **C)** getting

Blank 3
- **A)** walks
- **B)** walking
- **C)** walked

Blank 4
- **A)** goes
- **B)** going
- **C)** went

3. Choose the correct word to complete the friend's tragic morning text message.

"It was the worst morning ever. I woke up late, spilled coffee on my shirt, and _____ to work wearing two different shoes."

Select one.

- **A)** go
- **B)** goes
- **C)** gone
- **D)** went

4. Select the correct phrase to ask our newly arrived time traveler about their journey.

"Wow, 1890! Tell me, _____ here in a literal time machine, or did you just fall through a wormhole?"

Select one.

- **A)** did you got
- **B)** do you got
- **C)** did you get
- **D)** you got

5. Complete the roommate's desperate defense in the Great Pizza Trial by selecting the grammatically correct phrase.

"I am completely innocent! I _____ the last slice of pepperoni pizza. I was asleep!"

Select one.

- **A)** didn't eat
- **B)** didn't ate
- **C)** not eat
- **D)** don't ate

6. Help Detective Paws verify the suspect's alibi! Select ALL the sentences that use the correct past simple tense.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The suspect went to the bakery at noon.
- **B)** He worked in his garden all afternoon.
- **C)** She getted a coffee from the corner shop.
- **D)** They was at the movies until midnight.
- **E)** The dog got into the trash can again.

7. Complete the teenager's text message to her best friend about a disastrous first date by choosing the correct verb for each blank.

We _____ to the cinema, but he _____ loudly through the whole movie! After that, I _____ a terrible headache and went straight home.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** go
- **B)** going
- **C)** went

Blank 2

- **A)** talks
- **B)** talked
- **C)** talking

Blank 3

- **A)** get
- **B)** getting
- **C)** got

8. An anxious job applicant is texting their best friend after an interview. Select ALL the grammatically correct past simple questions they might have asked.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Did I talk too much during the interview?
- **B)** Did the manager worked here for a long time?
- **C)** Did they go over my resume carefully?
- **D)** Was you nervous when you met the team?
- **E)** Did I get the date right for the second round?

9. Help the student complete their rather unusual excuse to the professor by choosing the correct verb.

"I swear, Professor! My cat _____ on my keyboard all night and deleted my entire essay!"

Select one.

- **A)** walk
- **B)** walked
- **C)** walks
- **D)** walking

10. Help Marcus finish his diary entry about an extremely awkward dinner date.

For our first date, we _____ to a very fancy and expensive Italian restaurant. I _____ the spaghetti, which was a huge mistake. Halfway through the meal, I _____ bright red tomato sauce all over my expensive white shirt. She _____ at me for five minutes straight, and I just wanted to disappear under the table.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** go
- **B)** went
- **C)** going

Blank 2

- **A)** order
- **B)** ordering
- **C)** ordered

Blank 3

- **A)** getted
- **B)** got
- **C)** getting

Blank 4

- **A)** laugh
- **B)** laughed
- **C)** laughing

11. Complete the college student's highly suspicious excuse email to their professor.

Dear Professor, I truly _____ to finish my essay on Saturday morning. However, my roommate _____ a brand new video game. We _____ it for fourteen hours straight without blinking. By Sunday, my brain _____ on vacation, so I couldn't write a single word of the assignment.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** want
- **B)** wanted
- **C)** wanting

Blank 2

- **A)** get
- **B)** gotten
- **C)** got

Blank 3

- **A)** play
- **B)** played
- **C)** playing

Blank 4

- **A)** go
- **B)** goed
- **C)** went

12. Complete the student's tragic text message to her best friend about her first day at work.

I _____ my new job at the café today, and it was a complete disaster! First, I _____ iced coffee all over the manager's favorite shoes. Then, I _____ the cash register, but I accidentally gave everyone free pastries. Finally, I just _____ home and cried into my pillow!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** start
- **B)** started
- **C)** starting

Blank 2

- **A)** getted
- **B)** get
- **C)** got

Blank 3

- **A)** work
- **B)** working
- **C)** worked

Blank 4

- **A)** go
- **B)** goed
- **C)** went

13. Read the passive-aggressive sticky notes left on a fridge by an angry roommate. Select ALL the sentences that use the correct past simple negative form.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I didn't wash the dishes because we have a dishwasher!
- **B)** You didn't buy any milk yesterday.
- **C)** He didn't went to the grocery store like he promised.
- **D)** We didn't worked on the cleaning schedule.
- **E)** The cat didn't get its dinner on time.

14. Choose the correct verbs to complete this angry traveler's one-star hotel review.

The air conditioner _____ working at midnight. We _____ the front desk, but nobody answered. Eventually, we just _____ our bags and _____ to sleep in the car!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** stops
- **B)** stopping
- **C)** stopped

Blank 2

- **A)** call
- **B)** calling
- **C)** called

Blank 3

- **A)** gets
- **B)** getting
- **C)** got

Blank 4

- **A)** goes
- **B)** going
- **C)** went

15. Complete the exhausted traveler's diary entry! Select ALL the verbs that correctly and logically fill in the blank in the past simple tense.

"After a twelve-hour flight, I finally _____ to my hotel room and collapsed on the surprisingly soft bed."

Select all that apply.

- **A)** went
- **B)** got
- **C)** go
- **D)** get
- **E)** walked