

Name: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

The **simple past tense** expresses an action that has happened.

Choose the correct past tense to complete each sentence.

1. When she slipped, Mrs. Witherspoon _ **dropped** _ the basket of laundry she'd been carrying.
(drops, dropped)
2. Everyone _ _ _ **rose** _ _ from their seats when the National Anthem was played. (risen, rose)
3. Garret had not _ _ _ **brought** _ _ his camera, so he couldn't get a picture of the bird he saw yesterday. (bring, brought)
4. John's dad _ _ _ **bought** _ _ ice cream cones for everyone after we won the game.
(buy, bought)
5. Oscar _ _ _ **broke** _ _ his leg last October when he fell down the stairs. (broke, broken)
6. My dog was so mad at being sent outside that he _ _ _ **dug** _ _ a giant hole in my mother's garden. (digs, dug)
7. Thelma _ _ _ **found** _ _ the TV remote control under the couch after looking for more than an hour!
(found, finds)
8. I finally _ _ _ **got** _ _ an answer from my teacher about when the test would be. (got, get)
9. Samantha carefully _ _ _ **buttoned** _ _ her sweater so that it would look nice.
(buttoning, buttoned)
10. Mr. McAlester _ _ _ **lit** _ _ the candles after the power went out. (lights, lit)
11. I didn't have enough time in my schedule, so I had to _ _ _ **quit** _ _ the band. (quitted, quit)
12. The neighbor's dog _ _ _ **bite** _ _ my sister when she went in their yard to get her ball.
(bites, bit)
13. The sun _ _ _ **came** _ _ up at 6:03 this morning. (come, came)