

Verb Tenses

Exercise 1 – Simple Past Tense

Fill in each blank with the correct past tense form of the verb provided.

Example:

PLAY We played dodgeball all afternoon.

FRY 1. We fried the fish we caught in the lake.

STUDY 2. All of us studied hard for the physics exam.

CRY 3. Mary cried on his shoulder all through the movie.

MARRY 4. She married him on Tuesday and played slots that night.

TRY 5. Fred tried to get in the concert by posing as a security guard.

SHOP 6. I shopped for all of my birthday presents at the art fair.

ADMIT 7. No one admitted that he was tired.

PLAN 8. Marty and Isabel planned their marriage simply and loosely.

TERRIFY 9. The fireworks terrified the younger children.

COMPILE 10. The assistants compiled the materials into a great handbook.

Exercise 2 – Simple Past Tense

In each of the following sentences, underline any verbs that should have –ed or –d endings and supply the missing letters. Watch for time expressions (last week, yesterday, years ago) that indicate past time.

incorrect: The committee vote to adjourn yesterday.
correct: The committee voted to adjourn yesterday.

1. The driver asked for the exact fare last week.
2. Oliver used to live in Berkeley when he was a college student.