

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