

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences using the simple past for the verbs in parentheses. (1 point each)

1. I moved (*move*) here nine months ago.
2. I _____ (*start*) skating four years ago.
3. We _____ (*go*) to Rome in 1999.
4. He _____ (*meet*) her in June.
5. You _____ (*buy*) the present yesterday.
6. I _____ (*leave*) Paris a year ago.
7. They _____ (*learn*) to play the guitar when they were six years old.
8. She _____ (*speak*) to her teacher three weeks ago.

2 Complete the text with the simple past tense of the verbs. (1 point each)

Bill Gates ¹ was (*be*) named after his father, William H. Gates II, a lawyer. Bill ² _____ (*grow*) up in Seattle with his two sisters. His mother ³ _____ (*be*) a teacher. When he was 13 years old, he ⁴ _____ (*begin*) programming computers. In 1973, when he was 18 years old, he ⁵ _____ (*enter*) Harvard University. Two years later, he ⁶ _____ (*leave*) Harvard to work on his new company, Microsoft. Bill ⁷ _____ (*begin*) Microsoft Corporation with his childhood friend, Paul Allen. In 1994, he ⁸ _____ (*marry*) Melinda French. Later, they ⁹ _____ (*start*) the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which focuses on global health and education issues.

* www.microsoft.com/presspass/exec/billg/bio.mspx

3 Write affirmative (+) and negative (-) statements in the simple past. Use the cues. (3 points each)

1. dance / Jaden / at the party (-)
Jaden didn't dance at the party.

2. she / in Puerto Rico / stay / for three months (+)

3. find / Lily / her missing shoe (-)

4. we / our lines / memorize / for the play (+)

5. us / give / the directions / our teacher (-)

4 Write questions for these answers. (3 points each)

1. When were you born? _____ ?
I was born in 1988.
2. _____ ?
Yes, I have a dog named Toby.
3. _____ ?
I like collecting stamps and coins.
4. _____ ?
She's from Kenya.
5. _____ ?
I met him two years ago.

5 Complete the sentences with *too much* or *too many*. (1 point each)

1. I'm very hot. I think I'm wearing too many clothes.
2. You have _____ food for the party. There are only three of us!
3. My sister has _____ problems. I feel sorry for her.
4. The food wasn't good because he used _____ oil.
5. Eddie had _____ ice cream. He has a headache.
6. There are _____ books in your backpack. Can you carry all that?

6 Circle the phrase that completes the sentence. (1 point each)

1. I only need *a few* / *a little* / *a lot of* sheets of paper to finish this work.

2. She pays attention in class. She only needs *a few / a little / a lot of* time to complete her homework.
3. Disneyland is mainly for children. It doesn't have *a few / a little / a lot of* rides that are too scary.
4. We were too late for the party. There were only *a few / a little / a lot of* people left.
5. I've watched *a few / a little / a lot of* his movies. I've seen 25 of them!

Vocabulary

7 Circle the correct answer. (1 point each)

1. John prefers to sleep instead of doing his homework. He's ____
 a. lazy. b. moody. c. bossy.
2. My brother never changes his mind. He's ____
 a. sensible. b. selfish. c. stubborn.
3. She doesn't care about other people. She's ____
 a. sensitive. b. sensible. c. selfish.
4. My feelings are easily hurt. I'm very ____
 a. sensible. b. shy. c. sensitive.
5. Nicola always tells everyone what to do. She's ____
 a. lazy. b. bossy. c. moody.

Communication

8 Put the dialogue in order. (1 point each)

- a. 5 Oh, he was German. What did he do?
- b. ____ He was a great scientist!
- c. ____ He found that $E = mc^2$.
- d. ____ He was from Germany.
- e. ____ Who was Albert Einstein?
- f. ____ Where was he from?

Reading

9 Read the text and circle the correct answer to complete the sentences below. (1 point each)

Charlie Chaplin was born in London in 1889. He had a terrible life when he was a child.

In 1910 he went to America and started to make movies there. At that time, movies were silent. Charlie Chaplin was very good at using his face and his body. People looked at his face and understood what he was thinking and feeling.

In many of his movies, Charlie was a tramp. A tramp is a person who has no home and normally sleeps on the streets. In his movies, Charlie's clothes were usually old and too big. People watched his movies and laughed and cried at the same time. Charlie became famous all over the world. He was a genius in his field of silent movies.

1. Charlie Chaplin was born in *America / Germany / England* in 1889.
2. He had a *happy / terrible / busy* life when he was a child.
3. In 1910, he started to *write books / sell clothes / make movies* in America.
4. In many of his movies, he was a tramp who wore *expensive / tight / old* clothes.
5. Charlie Chaplin was a genius in his field of *action / silent / horror* movies.

Writing

10 Write an e-mail to a friend. Follow these guidelines. (4 points)

1. Greet your friend.
2. Describe something that happened the other day.
3. Suggest meeting at a certain time and place.
4. Say goodbye.
