

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences using the simple past form of 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 in parentheses. (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) working on 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.

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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 / 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 had a dog named Toby.
3. _____?
I liked watching MTV.
4. _____?
She lived in Kenya.
5. _____?
I met him two years ago.

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

1. My suitcase is heavy. I packed 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 stomachache.
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. ____ Oh, he was German. What did he do?
- b. ____ He was a great scientist!
- c. ____ He is famous for his theory of relativity.
- d. ____ He was from Germany.
- e. 1 Who was Albert Einstein?
- f. ____ Where was he from?

Reading

9 Read the text and circle the correct answer to complete the sentences. (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 vagrant. A vagrant 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 comic genius during the era 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 vagrant who wore expensive / tight / old clothes.
5. Charlie Chaplin was a comic genius in the era of action / silent / horror movies.

Writing

10 Write an e-mail to a friend on a piece of paper. 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.