



FOOTBALL / SOCCER: PAST SIMPLE PRACTICE

1 HOW TO FORM THE PAST SIMPLE

Study the tables below.

Positive statements		
I	wanted	water.
You	looked	up.
He	used	the pen.
She	worked	all night.
It	watched	television.
We	called	home.
They	helped	the man.

Negative statements			
I	did not (didn't)	want	water.
You		look	up.
He		use	the pen.
She		work	all night.
It		watch	television.
We		call	home.
They		help	the man.

Questions			
Did	I	want	water?
	you	look	up?
	he	use	the pen?
	she	work	all night?
	it	watch	television?
	we	call	home?
	they	help	the man?

2 IDENTIFY THE VERBS

Match the verbs from the box to the relevant images.

pass	shoot	dribble	tackle	save	head
score	foul	substitute	lose	draw	win



1. **save**



2. **win**



3. **score**



4. **dribble**



5. **tackle**



6. **lose**



7. **shot**



8. **draw**



9. **pass**



10. **head**



11. **foul**



12. **substitute**

3 CREATE THE REGULAR PAST SIMPLE VERB

Study the regular verbs (1-15), then create the past tense version.

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. pass | a. pass |
| 2. shoot | b. shot |
| 3. dribble | c. dribbled |
| 4. tackle | d. tackled |
| 5. save | e. saved |
| 6. head | f. headed |
| 7. score | g. scored |
| 8. foul | h. fouled |
| 9. equalise | i. equalised |
| 10. lose | j. lost |
| 11. draw | k. drew |
| 12. win | l. won |
| 13. substitute | m. substituted |
| 14. kick off | n. kicked off |
| 15. send off | o. sent off |



4 FIX THE MISTAKES

Can you identify and correct the mistakes in the sentences below?

Be careful, not all sentences contain mistakes.

1. He **passed** the ball to his friend.
2. She **shot** from outside the box.
3. The player **dribbled** past the defenders.
4. He tackled the opponent to get the ball.
5. The goalkeeper **saved** the shot.
6. He **headed** the ball during the game.
7. She **scored** three goals in the match last week.
8. He fouled the player and got a yellow card.
9. The coach **substituted** the tired player.
10. They **lost** the game yesterday.
11. Manchester United **drew** against Barcelona.
12. They **won** the championship last week.



5 ARGENTINA VS BRAZIL

Task 1: Complete the dialogue below using the words from the box.

fouled saved tackled substituted

- Jude:** Did you see Argentina vs Brazil last night?
- Phil:** Yes, I did! The goalkeeper was amazing. He **saved** a lot of shots!
- Jude:** I know! And did you see Messi dribble past three defenders?
- Phil:** Yes, he was about to score, but then Casimero **fouled** him.
- Jude:** The referee had to give a yellow card for that foul.
- Phil:** Yes. After that, they **substituted** Messi. I hope he's not injured badly.
- Jude:** Fernandez played well, especially when he **tackled** Neymar.
- Phil:** Yes, he played well. The game was so intense.
- Jude:** In the end, it was a draw, right?
- Phil:** Yes, 2-2. Both teams played well, but no one could win.

Task 2: Answer the following comprehension questions:

- What did the goalkeeper do? **He saved a lot of shots.**
- What did Messi do? **He dribbled past three players.**
- What did Casimero do? **He fouled Messi.**
- What did Fernandez do? **He tackled Neymar.**
- What was the result? **A 2-2 draw.**

Task 3: Complete the following tasks:

- Find all the past tense verbs in the dialogue.
- Retell the story to a classmate.
- Describe the last football match you watched.



6 CREATE QUESTIONS

Task 1: Complete the questions used to discuss football, using the words in the box.

shoot	save	pass	tackle	dribble
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1. Who did you **pass** the ball to?
2. Did you **shoot** from outside the penalty area?
3. How many players did you **dribble** past?
4. Who did you **tackle** during the match?
5. Did the goalkeeper **save** the penalty?

Task 2: Complete the questions used to discuss football, using the words in the box.

scored	head	substitute	win	fouled
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6. How high did you jump to **head** the ball?
7. Who **scored** the first goal?
8. Did you get a red card because you **fouled** the opponent?
9. Who did the coach **substitute** at halftime?
10. Did Real Madrid **win** yesterday?

Task 3: Create a list of your own questions using the verbs from the box below.

pass	shoot	dribble	tackle	save	head
score	foul	substitute	lose	draw	win

7 CREATE QUESTIONS

Task 1: Study the situations below, then create three questions to ask each person using the past tense. The first one has been done for you.



You are interviewing a retired footballer.

1. How many goals did you score?
2. How did you feel when you scored your first goal?
3. Why did you decide to retire from football?



John played football in the park yesterday.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Dan's favourite player is injured.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Sarah watched Real Madrid vs. Barcelona last night.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Task 2: Pretend to be the people, then answer each of the questions you created.



8 QUESTION TIME

Task: Think about the last football match you played, then answer the questions.

Note; if the student has not played a game recently, ask them to think about the last football match their favourite footballer played.

- a. Who did you **pass** the ball to during the match?
- b. Did you have a chance to **shoot** on goal? Did you **score** a goal?
- c. How many opponents did you **dribble** past during the match?
- d. Did you successfully **tackle** an opponent?
- e. Did the goalkeeper **save** a lot of shots?
- f. How many times did you **head** the ball?
- g. Did you **foul** anyone?
- h. Did your team **win**, **lose**, or **draw** the match?
- i. Was anyone **substituted** during the match?



pass	shoot	dribble	tackle	save	head
score	foul	equalise	lose	draw	win

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2 FOOTBALL: THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Task 1: Read the following text.

Football is a popular sport played all around the world. It is known as 'the beautiful game.' People from many countries love to watch and play football. Football is played on a large field, called a pitch, with goals on each end. Two teams, each with eleven players, try to score goals by kicking a ball into the other team's goal.

The game starts with a kick-off from the centre of the pitch. Players pass the ball to each other by kicking it. They can also use their heads to hit the ball. However, they are not allowed to use their hands, except for the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper can use his or her hands to stop the ball from going into the goal.

There are many famous football players. Some of the most famous are Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Neymar. They played for big clubs like Barcelona, Juventus, and Paris Saint-Germain. Fans love to watch them play because they are very skillful and score many goals.

Football matches are very exciting. Fans sing songs and cheer for their teams. Sometimes, the matches can be very close. Often, the match is decided by just one goal. The team with the most goals at the end of the match wins. If both teams have the same number of goals, it is a draw.

Football is not only a sport but also a way to bring people together. It teaches teamwork, discipline, and respect. Many young people dream of becoming professional football players one day. They practise a lot to become good at the sport.

People enjoy football because it is fun and exciting. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, anyone can play football. It's a great way to stay active and make friends. Football is truly a game for everyone.

Task 2: Write detailed answers to the following questions.

1. What is another name for football in many countries?
2. How many players are there on each football team?
3. What can players use to pass the ball to each other?
4. Who is allowed to use their hands during a football match?
5. Name three famous football players mentioned in the text.
6. How is the winner of a football match determined?
7. Besides being a sport, what else does football teach?
8. Why do people enjoy playing football, according to the text?

