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Grade 8 Worksheet

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English Language

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Topic: Verb Tense (**Past Tense**)

Verb tenses identify the time period when an action occurs. *Past tense* also known as Past Simple describes events that have already happened and are completely finished. Most verbs can be made past tense by adding *-d* or *-ed* at the end of a present-tense verb, as in *liked* and *watched*. However, many irregular verbs have unique past tense forms. For example, *go* becomes *went*, and *think* becomes *thought*. Another example with an irregular verb the past of *eat* is *ate*. Regular verbs (as most verbs) end in *-ed* in the past. Verbs in a **consonant + y** change it to **-ied** in the past. Past tense is usually used to write about historical events, like so:

Examples:

- Galileo **observed** the stars
- Last night I **played** my guitar loudly and the neighbors **complained**.
- She **kissed** me on the cheek.
- It **rained** yesterday.
- Angela **watched** TV all night.
- John **wanted** to go to the museum

- I **thought** about going out yesterday
- He **went** to the ballgame with his father
- I **ate** too late last night now I fell lazy.
- I **carried** my bag to the airport

Activity #1

Write the Past Tense for each verb on the line

Open _____

Marry _____

Like _____

Try _____

Bake _____

Stop _____

Mix _____

Plan _____

Repeat _____

Worry _____

Decide _____

Travel _____

Activity #2

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets

1. My sister (try) to bake a cake last Saturday.
2. We (not order) steak and chips at the restaurant yesterday.
3. I (phone) my cousin in Canada three days ago.
4. The children (play) on the computer yesterday.
5. I (study) French yesterday.
6. We (watch) an interesting programme last night.
7. Mark (stop) the car in front of the post-office.
8. My parents (arrive) at half past six.
9. Alison (walk) to school.
10. Charles and Wendy (dance) at the party.
11. We (hurry - affrettarsi) back home.
12. I (arrive) in London at 10 o'clock in the morning.
13. I was hungry so I (decide) to have a pizza in a fast food restaurant.
14. In the afternoon I (visit) the city centre and I
(love) it a lot!
15. My friend George (invite) me to a musical.
16. They (play) the Lion king.
17. I (enjoy) it very much.

Activity #3

Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs in the box.

Carry, cook, like, live, open, play, start, tidy, travel, wait.

1. We to Liverpool last Saturday.
2. The girl the door.
3. She a big bag.
4. They in a castle.
5. Jason and Martin tennis yesterday.
6. Mark an omelette for lunch.
7. I really the party.
8. We for Susan because she was late.
9. The film at half past seven.
10. Frank his room