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Remember to use past tense in your answer.Choose either the woman's face version on Page 1 - or the man's face on Page 2 (or use both).Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx 10 - 15 minutes FREEDownload Grammar BingoPast Simple Classic 'Grammar Bingo' gameWhole class activityWith Activity Notes on Page 2Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 15 - 20 minutes FREEDownload Grammar GamePast Simple Use the cue cards for a fun teamcompetition using the past simple. Two pages of cue cardsWith Activity Notes on Pages 1 and 2Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 15 minutes FREEDownload 'Questions About You'Grammar & Writing PracticePast Simple Answer the questions about you. 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Have your students correct their own papers (or consider having students swap papers and correct a classmate's paper). Grammar DictationPast Simple Listen to your teacher and complete the sentences with the past tense forms of the verbs you hear.Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 10 - 15 minutes ACTIVITY SUGGESTION 1If your classroom has Internet capabilities, consider having your learners listen to the adjective prompts by playing the audio file below. Right Click Here to Download Audio - Save as MP3 File ACTIVITY SUGGESTION 2Once your learners have checked their answers, consider extending the activity by having them change the sentences into questions, or into negative statements. Grammar Quiz Past Simple(with Regular Verbs only) 16 multiple-choice questions; with ANSWER KEY and percentage conversion chartLevel: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 15 minutes ACTIVITY SUGGESTION Use this quiz either as a pre-activity diagnostic tool, or as a post-activity evaluative assessment. Consider saving time marking papers by having one or two students come to the board to write their answers. Wrap-up by correcting and discussing any mistakes. (Add 5 to 10 minutes.) Grammar Quiz Past Simple(with both Regular & Irregular Verbs)16 multiple-choice questions; with ANSWER KEY and percentage conversion chartLevel: Elementary to Upper-IntermediateTime: Approx. 15 minutes FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION Use this quiz either as a pre-activity diagnostic tool, or as a post-activity evaluative assessment. Consider saving time marking papers by having one or two students come to the board to write their answers. Wrap-up by correcting and discussing any mistakes. 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Wrap-up by having students compare answers with classmates, and then choose one or two students to write their answers on the board: (1) waited; (2) didn't walk, etc. Correct and discuss any mistakes.(Add 5 to 10 minutes.) Grammar Worksheet Past Simple: Irregular15 sentences (fill in the gaps to complete each sentence); with ANSWER KEY and percentage conversion chartLevel: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 15 minutes FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION See above activity suggestions (Past Simple: Regular). Also, make sure your students have studied the grammar reference chart above (or one like it) for a list of common irregular verbs. 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Grammar Board Game Past Simple30 squares, each asking for a different comparison (speak for at least 1 minute per roll)Pair work or small groupsDice requiredLevel: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 20 minutes FREE Download Grammar Lesson Past Simple(with prepositions of Location)8 pages; with NOTES and ANSWER KEYLevel: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 2 - 3 hours FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION Consider breaking this lesson up into two or three parts, spread over two or three days of teaching. Alternatively, take a look at what best suits your class and use only those pages. Grammar Discussion Past SimpleStudent 'A' version and Student 'B' version, each with 10 different discussion questions.Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 20 minutes FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION Have your learners seated in pairs and make sure that they don't look at each others papers. After they finish, have them switch papers and continue one more time; then, stand up and talk to two or three classmates and ask two questions: (1) Who did you talk to? (2) What interesting things did you find out about him/her? Grammar Game + Worksheet Past Simple 11 Past Tense sentences that, when joined together, create a story about what happened to Sue last week. Students each memorize one sentence strip before standing and working together with classmates to re-create the story. NOTES and ANSWER KEY are provided.The Grammar Worksheet (attached on page 2 of the file) can be used to follow up this activity, or it can be used on its own.Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Grammar Game: Approx. 20 minutesTime: Grammar Worksheet: Approx. 10 - 15 minutes. FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION For weaker students, consider the possibility of using the worksheet on its own (without the cut-up sentences).For a stronger class, consider the possibility of having your students memorize the sentence strips before handing them back to you (or perhaps folding the paper strips and putting them in their pockets - to be referred to only if truly needed!) Grammar in Writing Past SimpleFirst, complete the sentences by writing the correct past tense forms of the words in parentheses. Then, finish the story by using the past tense ... and your imaginaation.Level: Elementary (CEFR A1 to A2)Time: Approx. 30 to 40 minutes FREE Download ACTIVITY SUGGESTION If your class is outgoing, consider the possibility of having your students write the stories in groups of three, and then turning their stories into plays! Have one student be a narrator, while the other two students act out the story for their classmates! ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOUR BLACKBOARD OR WHITEBOARD A very simple, but fun and effective grammar board game: First, divide your class into two teams, and have two volunteers (one from each team) come to the board. Choose one of the word items they have learned recently - for example, 'drive' - and shout it aloud. The two students should then compete to write a complete sentence with the past simple form of that verb - 'I drove to a park.' To be awarded one point, the sentence must be at least 5 words in length (use a longer word length for more advanced classes) and contain no spelling, punctuation, capitalization or grammar mistakes. Encourage their seated teammates to yell suggestions. Repeat this procedure using randomly selected words, and new volunteers for each round. Continue for six or seven rounds, and then applaud the winning team with the most points. Index of contents Video: regular verbs Index of contents Video: past simple yes/no questions Index of contents