13.1 Past Simple vs Present Simple: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

A Visit to Oakwood Wildlife Park

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On Thursday, Class 3 travelled to Oakwood Wildlife Park for the day. The coach arrived at nine o'clock, and Mr Bailey led the children through the main gates.

First, the class visited the meerkat enclosure. The meerkats stood on their back legs and watched everyone walk past. Priya laughed when a meerkat popped its head out of a tunnel.

Next, a keeper called Mrs Grant showed the children how she fed the sea lions. She threw a fish high into the air, and a sea lion caught it with a loud clap of its flippers. Everyone cheered.

Later, the class saw the elephants splashing in a large pool. One elephant sprayed water over its own back, and another elephant ate a whole pile of leaves in a few minutes. Sam took a photograph of the biggest elephant.

Before they left, the children stopped at the gift shop. Mr Bailey gave everyone ten minutes to choose a small toy. The whole class agreed that it was a brilliant day out.

1 Tick the present simple verb in each sentence below. Each sentence describes something that happens regularly or is generally true.

(a) Every morning, the keeper feeds the seals. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Every
- ☐ B) keeper
- ☐ C) feeds

(b) Meerkats live together in large family groups. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Meerkats
- ☐ B) live
- ☐ C) family

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(c) The parrot copies human speech. **(1)**

- [ ] A) parrot
- [ ] B) copies
- [ ] C) speech

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2 Read the first paragraph of the passage above, down to '...through the main gates.' Find and copy two different past simple verbs from that part of the text.

(a) First past simple verb: **(1)**

(b) Second past simple verb (different from your first answer): **(1)**

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3 Rewrite each past simple sentence below in the present simple. Check the correct verb ending for the subject of each sentence.

(a) The peacock showed off its bright feathers. **(1)**

(b) The snake shed its skin. **(1)**

(c) The keepers cleaned the enclosures. **(1)**

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4 Complete each sentence with the correct tense of the verb in brackets. The time phrase at the start of each sentence tells you which tense to use.

(a) Every day, the elephant ___ (splash) water over its back. **(1)**

(b) Last month, the elephant ___ (find) a new water hole. **(1)**

(c) Every week, the keeper ___ (clean) the pond. **(1)**

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5 The recount below should be written entirely in the past simple, but three verbs have been mistakenly left in the present tense. Find the three mistakes and write the passage out correctly.

On Monday, Class 3 travelled to Oakwood Wildlife Park again. The coach arrives at ten o'clock, and everyone walked through the gates. A keeper shows the class how to feed the goats, and later the children watch the penguins swim.

(3)

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Question 1

(a) C ticked (feeds) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **C) feeds**

(b) B ticked (live) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) live**

(c) B ticked (copies) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) copies**

Question 2

(a) any one correct past simple verb from the given part of the text (oe): travelled, arrived or led **B1**

(a) Answer: **e.g. travelled**

(b) a different correct past simple verb from the same list (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **e.g. arrived**

Question 3

(a) writes 'The peacock shows off its bright feathers.' cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **The peacock shows off its bright feathers.**

(b) writes 'The snake sheds its skin.' cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **The snake sheds its skin.**

(c) writes 'The keepers clean the enclosures.' cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **The keepers clean the enclosures.**

Question 4

(a) writes 'splashes' cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **splashes**

(b) writes 'found' cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **found**

(c) writes 'cleans' cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **cleans**

Question 5

corrects 'arrives' to 'arrived' cao **B1**

corrects 'shows' to 'showed' cao **B1**

corrects 'watch' to 'watched' cao **B1**

Answer: **On Monday, Class 3 travelled to Oakwood Wildlife Park again. The coach arrived at ten o'clock, and everyone walked through the gates. A keeper showed the class how to feed the goats, and later the children watched the penguins swim.**

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