GRAMMAR · PAST SIMPLE · A1 Name: _____ Date: _____

Past simple: regular and irregular

Focus: Affirmative sentences: regular verbs + -ed (spelling rules), six irregular verbs, yesterday / last / ago.

GRAMMAR

Regular: work → work**ed** · live → live**d** · stop → sto**pped** (short verb, 1 vowel + 1 consonant)
Consonant + y: study → stud**ied** · vowel + y: play → play**ed**
Irregular: go → **went** · have → **had** · see → **saw** · buy → **bought** · come → **came** · take → **took**
Time words: **yesterday** · **last** night / week / Sunday · two days / an hour **ago**

1 Write the past simple of the verbs in the correct column.

Example: help → helped (+ -ed)

carry watch plan like shop arrive clean try

+ -ed (worked)	+ -d (lived)	y → -ied (studied)	double + -ed (stopped)

2 Complete with the past simple of the regular verbs.

Example: We _____ (work) in the garden three days ago. → worked

1. Maria _____ (cook) dinner for six people last Saturday.
2. I _____ (wash) all the windows two days ago.
3. We _____ (tidy) the living room yesterday morning.
4. Ali _____ (phone) his sister an hour ago.
5. They _____ (stay) at home last weekend.
6. Lena _____ (walk) to the supermarket yesterday afternoon.

3 Complete with the past simple of the irregular verbs.

1. Our friends _____ (come) to our flat last Friday.
2. I _____ (buy) some bread and cheese yesterday.
3. We _____ (have) a big breakfast last Sunday.
4. David _____ (take) his dog to the park an hour ago.
5. She _____ (see) her neighbours in the garden two days ago.
6. Tom and Sara _____ (go) to bed early last night.

ANSWER KEY

1 + -ed (worked): watched, cleaned | + -d (lived): liked, arrived | y → -ied (studied): carried, tried | double + -ed (stopped): planned, shopped **2** 1 cooked, 2 washed, 3 tidied, 4 phoned, 5 stayed, 6 walked **3** 1 came, 2 bought, 3 had, 4 took, 5 saw, 6 went

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