ENGLISH A2 · UNIT 2 · GRAMMAR Name: _____ Date: _____

# Past simple: thirty more irregular verbs

Focus: past simple affirmative and negative; -ed spelling review; thirty new irregular verbs; be born

**PAST SIMPLE**

Regular: **-ed** (worked, lived, studied, stopped). Irregular: see the table below.
Negative: **didn't** + verb: She didn't pay. They didn't understand the question.
**be born**: I **was born** in 1990. They **were born** in Lisbon. He **wasn't born** here.

## 1 Complete the table with the past simple forms (British spelling).

*Example: learn → learnt / learned*

| Verb | Past | Verb | Past | Verb | Past | Verb | Past |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| begin | _____ | bring | _____ | build | _____ | catch | _____ |
| choose | _____ | cost | _____ | cut | _____ | drive | _____ |
| fall | _____ | find | _____ | forget | _____ | grow | _____ |
| hear | _____ | keep | _____ | know | _____ | write | _____ |
| lose | _____ | pay | _____ | put | _____ | run | _____ |
| sell | _____ | send | _____ | sit | _____ | speak | _____ |
| spend | _____ | stand | _____ | teach | _____ | tell | _____ |
| understand | _____ | win | _____ | think | _____ | buy | _____ |

## 2 Complete with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

*Example: Ali _____ (not / like) his first job. → didn't like*

1. My grandmother _____ (teach) at a primary school for thirty years.
2. We _____ (not / understand) the lecture, so we asked a question.
3. Lena _____ (be born) in 1988 and _____ (grow up) in Berlin.
4. Tom _____ (sell) his car and _____ (buy) a bike last spring.
5. I _____ (not / pass) the exam because I _____ (not / revise).
6. They _____ (spend) two years in London and _____ (speak) English every day.
7. Maria _____ (not / be born) in Yerevan. She _____ (move) there at twenty.

**ANSWER KEY**

**1** 1 began, 2 brought, 3 built, 4 caught, 5 chose, 6 cost, 7 cut, 8 drove, 9 fell, 10 found, 11 forgot, 12 grew, 13 heard, 14 kept, 15 knew, 16 wrote, 17 lost, 18 paid, 19 put, 20 ran, 21 sold, 22 sent, 23 sat, 24 spoke, 25 spent, 26 stood, 27 taught, 28 told, 29 understood, 30 won, 31 thought, 32 bought **2** 1 taught, 2 didn't understand, 3 was born / grew up, 4 sold / bought, 5 didn't pass / didn't revise, 6 spent / spoke, 7 wasn't born / moved

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