

Lesson: The Simple Past: Yesterday Morning

1. Yesterday Morning

I fed my cat and gave him fresh water. He ate everything and took a few sips. I brushed his fur too. While I was brushing him, he purred and rubbed himself against my hand. He was happy and so was I. Then I dangled a feather on a string and he caught it with his paws. After that, I threw a toy mouse. He chased it, brought it back in his mouth, and dropped it in my hand. He wanted to play all morning, but I had to go to work. I threw the mouse to him one more time before I left. It was my way of saying, "I loved playing. If you want to play some more, when I get home, we will."

The verbs in the story are in the simple past. Write the verbs as you find them.

<u>Base form</u>	<u>ING</u>	<u>Participle</u>	<u>Simple Past (did)</u>
feed	feeding	fed	<i>fed</i>
give	giving	given	
eat	eating	eaten	
take	taking	taken	
brush	brushing	brushed	
purr	purring	purred	
rub	rubbing	rubbed	
dangle	dangling	dangled	
catch	catching	caught	
throw	throwing	thrown	
chase	chasing	chased	
bring	bringing	brought	
drop	dropping	dropped	
leave	leaving	left	
have	having	had	
want	wanting	wanted	
love	loving	loved	

2. The Simple Past, the Past Progressive, and the helping verb To Be:

The Simple Present: Did + Base Form

Yes: The cat caught the feather.

No: The cat didn't catch the feather.

Yes/No Question: Did the cat catch the feather?

For Certain: The cat did catch the feather.

Yes: He brought the mouse back in his mouth.

No: He didn't bring the mouse back in his mouth.

Yes/No Question: Did he bring the mouse back in his mouth?

For Certain: He did bring the mouse back in his mouth.

Was, Were

Yes: The cat was happy.

No: The cat wasn't happy.

Question: Was the cat happy?

Yes: They were there.

No: They weren't there.

Question: Were they there?

Past Progressive: Was and Were + ING

Yes: I was feeding the cat when the phone rang.

Question: Were you feeding the cat when the phone rang?

No: They were not feeding the cat when the phone rang.

Contraction: She wasn't feeding the cat when the phone rang.

Yes: He was purring while I brushed him.

Question: Was he purring while you brushed him?

No: The cat was not purring while I brushed him.

Contraction: He wasn't purring while I was brushed him.

3. Exercises

Exercise One: Change the yes sentences to no sentences.

Example: I fed my cat.

I didn't feed my cat

I was brushing him while he was purring.

We were playing catch.

He brought the toy in his mouth.

We loved to play.

We were happy.

Exercise Two: Change the yes sentences to yes/no questions.

Example:

She fed her cat.

Did she feed her cat?

I was brushing him while he was purring.

We were playing catch.

He brought the toy in his mouth.

He wanted to play catch.

He was a happy cat.

He ate everything.

4. Student Activity: Group work: "What My Classmate Did Yesterday Morning"

In a group of three, write a paragraph in the past tense about one of the students in your group. They will write five sentences and include ten activities connected with commas and "And." Use the sequence words "Then" and "After that" in the sentences.

Yesterday morning, my classmate...

5. Student Activity: Individual Work: "What I Did Yesterday Morning"

Write a paragraph in the past tense about what you did yesterday morning. Write at least five sentences and include ten activities connected with commas and "And." Use the sequence words "Then" and "After that" in the sentences.

Yesterday morning, I...