AMERICAN THINK

2ND EDITION

STARTER LEVEL

GRAMMAR 11 STANDARD

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 Complete the simple past forms of the verbs.

0 make – m a d e
1 get – g _ t
2 see – s _ w
3 give – g _ v _
4 fall – f _ l _
5 run – r _ n
6 come – c _ m _
7 know – k n _ w

2 Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verbs in the list.

drink | eat | find | ~~go~~ | put | run | see | take

1 We [0]*went* to a Japanese restaurant last weekend. I [1]_____ noodles, and I [2]_____ green tea.
2 We [3]_____ a lot of animals at the zoo! We [4]_____ photos of the gorillas. My brother [5]_____ away from the tigers!
3 I [6]_____ some interesting shells on the beach, and I [7]_____ them in my pocket.

3 Rewrite the sentences to make them negative.

0 We went to a safari park.
We didn't go to a safari park.
1 My friend got a new bike for his birthday.
_____
2 Amelia did her homework last night.
_____
3 My dad knew how to make pizza.
_____
4 We saw a bear in the woods.
_____
5 I bought a birthday card for my friend.
_____
6 Bill took a shower after the football game.
_____
7 Tony wrote me an email last week.
_____

4 Use the words to make questions in the simple past, then answer them so that they are true for you.

0 you / go last weekend
Where *did you go last weekend*?
I went to the movies.
1 you / eat for breakfast this morning
What _____ ?
_____
2 you / meet / last weekend
Who _____ ?
_____
3 you go to school / this morning
How _____ ?
_____
4 homework / you / have last night
What _____ ?
_____
5 you / watch TV last night
Did _____ ?
_____

5 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't*.

0 When I was five, I *could* ride a bike.
1 When my sister was young, she _____ sing very well, but now she's on a talent show.
2 When we were young, we _____ play outside if we wanted to.
3 I had glasses when I was a teenager because I _____ see the board.
4 Traveling in China was difficult because I _____ read the place names.
5 We looked for the car keys, but we _____ find them anywhere.

6 Choose the correct option.

A: Can I [0]*tell / telling* you what just happened?

B: Of course. [1]*What / Why* happened?

A: I was in the yard, and [2]*exactly / suddenly* I saw a tiny bird on the ground. It [3]*had / has* some plastic around its neck.

B: Oh no! What did you [4]*did / do*?

A: I picked up the bird, and I [5]*cut / cuts* off the plastic with some scissors.

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Answer Key

1

1 got
2 saw
3 gave
4 fell
5 ran
6 came
7 knew

2

1 ate
2 drank
3 saw
4 took
5 ran
6 found
7 put

3

1 My friend didn't get a new bike for his birthday.
2 Amelia didn't do her homework last night.
3 My dad didn't know how to make pizza.
4 We didn't see a bear in the woods.
5 I didn't buy a birthday card for my friend.
6 Bill didn't take a shower after the football game.
7 Tony didn't write me an email last week.

4 (possible answers)

1 What did you eat for breakfast this morning?
I had cereal and eggs.
2 Who did you meet last weekend?
I met my aunt and some cousins.
3 How did you go to school this morning?
I went by bus.
4 What homework did you have last night?
I had math, science, and French.
5 Did you watch TV last night?
No, I didn't have time.

5

1 couldn't
2 could
3 couldn't
4 couldn't
5 couldn't

6

1 What
2 suddenly
3 had
4 do
5 cut

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