

## Exercise on Present Simple & Past Simple

### Answer Key

Fill in the blanks with the verbs listed in the table below in Present Simple or Past Simple. Same verbs may fit more than one sentence. If so, ask yourself which seems best and whether it changes the sentence much.

*want laughed (x2) did not say hate requires nodded added shrugged*  
*wish remember announced represents whispered*

Here's an example:

I *hate* this flat, it is like a prison to me.

1. Clara *nodded* and agreed.
2. She *laughed* again and shook her head.
3. You *remember* how angry Alain became when he saw me with that book.
4. The children *laughed* silently and said nothing.
5. And he *whispered* something in her ear.
6. When pigs *want* other pigs to follow them, they hold their tails erect.
7. Russell *did not say* anything.
8. "Daddy had a fight with a chicken," Daniel *announced* proudly.
9. "She acted extremely courageously," *added* the spokesman.
10. He glanced briefly at her amused face and *shrugged*.
11. What he *represents* is Hollywood.
12. We *wish* to expand our membership because we believe that birds are everyone's concern.
13. Sewer renovation *requires* large numbers of labourers.