

Exercise on Present Simple & Past Simple

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.

<i>want</i> <i>laughed (x2)</i> <i>did not say</i> <i>hate</i> <i>requires</i> <i>nodded</i> <i>added</i> <i>shrugged</i> <i>wish</i> <i>remember</i> <i>announced</i> <i>represents</i> <i>whispered</i>
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Here's an example:

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

1. Clara _____ and agreed.
2. She _____ again and shook her head.
3. You _____ how angry Alain became when he saw me with that book.
4. The children _____ silently and said nothing.
5. And he _____ something in her ear.
6. When pigs _____ other pigs to follow them, they hold their tails erect.
7. Russell _____ anything.
8. "Daddy had a fight with a chicken," Daniel _____ proudly.
9. "She acted extremely courageously," _____ the spokesman.
10. He glanced briefly at her amused face and _____.
11. What he _____ is Hollywood.
12. We _____ to expand our membership because we believe that birds are everyone's concern.
13. Sewer renovation _____ large numbers of labourers.