Grammar:

2A past simple: regular and irregular verbs

	regular	irregular 1.36
+	I **stayed** with friends.	We **went** to Brazil on holiday.
-	I **didn't stay** in a hotel.	We **didn't go** to São Paolo.
?	**Did** you **stay** for the weekend?	**Did** you **go** to Rio?
✓✗	Yes, I **did**.	No, we **didn't**.
Wh ?	Where **did** you **stay**?	Why **did** you **go** there?

- Use the past simple to talk about finished actions in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple + of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in the + past simple, e.g. *go* > ***went***, *see* > ***saw***. See **Irregular verbs** *p.164*.
- Use the infinitive after *didn't* for negatives and *Did…?* for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QUASI** to remember word order in questions.

spelling rules for regular verbs

infinitive	past	spelling
work stay	work**ed** stay**ed**	add *-ed*
like	like**d**	add *-d* if verb finishes in e
study	studi**ed**	y > *ied* after a consonant
stop	stop**ped**	if verb finishes in consonant–vowel–consonant, double the final consonant

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a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.



Two summers ago we *had* (have) a holiday in Scotland. We [1]_____ (drive) there from London, but our car [2]_____ (break) down on the motorway and we [3]_____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we [4]_____ (get) to Edinburgh we [5]_____ (not can) find a good hotel – they [6]_____ (be) all full. We [7]_____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we [8]_____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we [9]_____ (stay) there for the week. We [10]_____ (see) the castle, [11]_____ (go) to the Arts Festival, and we [12]_____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We [13]_____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we [14]_____ (not have) much time and it [15]_____ (be) quite far away. The weather [16]_____ (not be) very good, and it [17]_____ (start) raining the day we [18]_____ (leave).

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?
We went to Vancouver.

1 _____ a good time?
Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?
I went with my family.

3 _____?
We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane ticket _____?
It cost £500.

5 _____ the weather like?
It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ at night?
We went to bars and restaurants.

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