

## Past simple: regular and irregular

Look at the sentences:

I **booked** the flights yesterday.  
 When I was young, I **watched** TV every day.  
 Did you **work** yesterday? Yes, I **did**.  
 Did you **watch** the match last night? No, I **didn't**.

- We use the past simple to talk about **finished actions** in the past, either recently, or a long time in the past.
- We form the **positive** form of the past simple by adding **-ed** to the **base form** of regular verbs. It's the same form in all persons.  
 Work + ed → worked
- Some verbs have the following spelling variations:
  - Verbs which end in -e: add only -d;  
 Arrive → arrived      use → used
  - Some verbs which end in consonant + vowel + consonant: double the final consonant and add -ed;  
 Stop → stopped      travel → travelled
  - Verbs which end in consonant + -y: remove the -y and add -ied;  
 Study → studied      tidy → tidied
  - Verbs which end in vowel + -y: add -ed.  
 Stay → stayed      play → played
- Irregular verbs have their own forms (e.g.: go – went; do – did);
- To form the **negative** form, we use **did not/didn't + base form** in all persons;  
 Didn't/did not play
- To form the **interrogative** form, we use **did + subject + base form + ?** in all persons.;  
 Did you play tennis yesterday? Yes, I did. No, I didn't.

### POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE

VISIT (regular)	GO (irregular)
I/you/she/we/you/they VISITED	I/you/he/we/you/they WENT
I/you/she/we/you/they DIDN'T VISIT	I/you/he/we/you/they DIDN'T GO

### QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

DID I/you/he/we/you/they VISIT/GO? Yes, I/you/he/we/you/they VISIT/GO DID	DID I/you/he/we/you/they VISIT/GO? No, I/you/he/we/you/they DID NOT/DIDN'T VISIT/GO
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## Past time expressions

To indicate when something happened in the past, we use past time expressions:

- With **ago**: three minutes, two hours, five days, two weeks, ten years + AGO  
 I called Sally two days ago.
- We can also use:  
 Yesterday + morning/afternoon/evening → He came to my house yesterday afternoon.  
 Last + night/Sunday/weekend/week/month/year → I went to the cinema last night.

## 1 SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Complete the rules and write your own example for each rule.

+ regular verbs: base form + \_\_\_\_\_. ex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 X All verbs: \_\_\_\_\_ + base form. ex: \_\_\_\_\_

### Be

? (Question word +) was/\_\_\_\_ + subject (+adjective)? Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, + subject pronoun + \_\_\_\_/were. Ex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No, + subject pronoun + wasn't/\_\_\_\_\_. Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other verbs

? (Question word +) \_\_\_\_ + subject + base form? Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, + subject pronoun + \_\_\_\_\_. Ex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No, + subject pronoun + didn't. Ex: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Write the past simple form of the following regular verb.

1 Ask → _____	6 Study → _____
2 Cry → _____	7 Travel → _____
3 Dance → _____	8 Rain → _____
4 Plan → _____	9 Enjoy → _____
5 Open → _____	10 Miss → _____

## 3 Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

A Is this your first time in the UK, Anna?  
 B No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Scotland last year.  
 A Really? I love Scotland! Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you/stay)?  
 B We \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Edinburgh. We \_\_\_\_\_ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) it. So, we \_\_\_\_\_ (change) our plans. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) on a travel website and there was an apartment in the middle of the city. I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) the number and a very nice woman \_\_\_\_\_ (answer). Good news! The apartment was free for the week. It was great! What about you? When \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to Scotland?  
 A Oh, a long time ago. I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) a university course there. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/finish) the course, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (love) Scotland!

## 4 Write the past simple form of the following irregular verb.

1 Go → _____	6 Make → _____
2 Come → _____	7 Hear → _____
3 Put → _____	8 Find → _____
4 Take → _____	9 Drink → _____
5 Write → _____	10 Fly → _____

## 5 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

A I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) you at work yesterday morning. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/miss) your bus?

**B** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) very late. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bad night and I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/get) much sleep.

**A** Oh! \_\_\_\_\_ (you/eat) something bad?

**B** No, my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bad headache.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ (you/take) her to the doctor?

**B** No, we \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the doctor and he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to our house. But she's fine now. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/want) to stay in bed and she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school at lunchtime.

**A** Oh, that's good. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/write) that email to NEC this morning?

**B** No, sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget). But it's OK. The manager is sick today.

**6** Rewrite the sentences in the negative (-) or interrogative (?) form.

- 1 Armstrong landed on the moon in 1967. (?)
- 2 She dived into the swimming pool. (?)
- 3 The passengers came from Russia. (-)
- 4 Our children played in the garden all afternoon. (?)
- 5 I had a bad experience on the journey. (-)
- 6 Lucy ate a delicious meal in the restaurant. (?)
- 7 We got tired after running 5 kilometres. (-)
- 8 They spent the afternoon watching tennis. (-)

**7** For each sentence, write a question and a short answer, positive (+) or negative (-).

- 1 She went to work at 7 o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_ (-) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Danny and Ryan worked hard. \_\_\_\_\_ (+) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 He lost his cat. \_\_\_\_\_ (+) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 You left early yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ (-) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The shop closed at 3 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (+) \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Match the sentences with the time expressions.

1 He posted the letter on ...	a) 20 minutes.
2 We bought a new car last ...	b) 1936 to 1939
3 I first met Sandra three years ...	c) Monday
4 The journey only took ...	d) About ten o'clock.
5 The Spanish Civil War lasted from ...	e) Ago.
6 The accident happened at ...	f) Month

**9** Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

- 1 Adam died ago four years.
- 2 My grandfather had got green eyes
- 3 John Lennon sung with the Beatles.
- 4 I didn't kept the letter.
- 5 When first did you meet Sophie?
- 6 My grandfather haved a job in a factory.
- 7 A lot of people not worked in 1930s.
- 8 Julia playd tennis last Saturday.
- 9 I didn't go out yesterday night.
- 10 You went to the stadium on Monday?