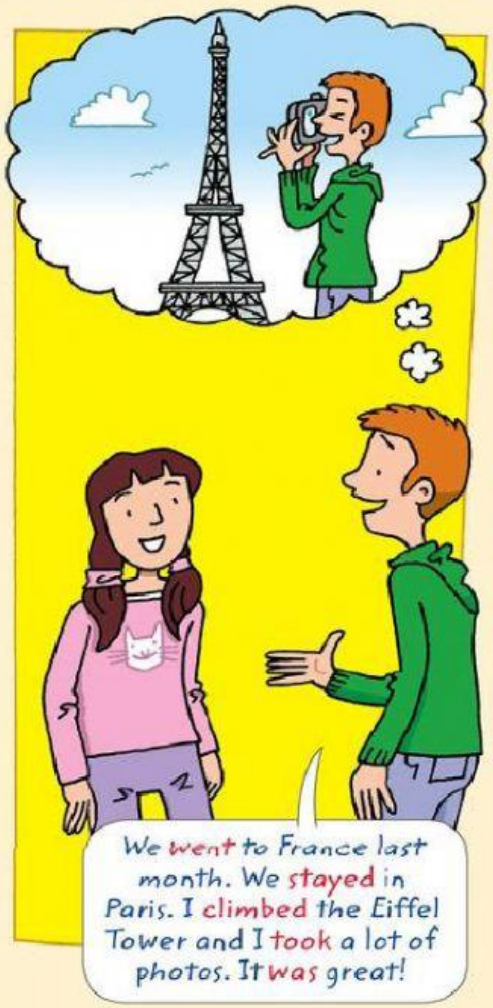
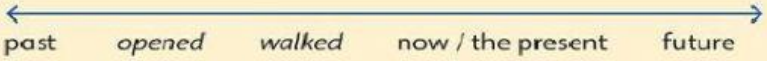
Regular verbs: affirmative and negative



We use the past simple to describe completed actions and situations in the past.
It was 9 o'clock. John ***opened*** *the door and* ***walked*** *to the bus stop.*
Last night I ***finished*** *my homework and* ***watched*** *TV.*



We often use the past simple with time words and expressions like *yesterday, last week* and *this morning* (see page 65).

For all verbs except **be**, the past simple form is the same for *I, you, he, she, it, we, you* and *they*.

Most regular verbs end in **-ed** – but not all of them!
Look at the table below for spelling rules.

	Affirmative	Negative
regular verbs	base form + **ed** **watched** **played** **waited** **looked**	**didn't** (= did not) + base form **didn't** watch **didn't** play **didn't** wait **didn't** look
verbs ending vowel + consonant + vowel	stop – stop**ped** travel – travel**led** BUT snow – snow**ed**	**didn't** stop **didn't** travel **didn't** snow
verbs ending -e	dance – dance**d** like – like**d**	**didn't** dance **didn't** like
verbs ending consonant + -y	hurry – hurr**ied** carry – carr**ied**	**didn't** hurry **didn't** carry

***1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.**

► Jack and I played (play) badminton yesterday.

1 My sister _____ (cook) dinner last night.
2 I _____ (walk) to school this morning.
3 Josie _____ (carry) her mum's bags for her.
4 Jo and Sam _____ (help) the teacher yesterday afternoon.
5 We _____ (tidy) our rooms yesterday.
6 I _____ (like) the film last night.
7 My dad _____ (stop) the car and _____ (look) at the map.
8 We _____ (stay) with our grandparents last week.

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Irregular verbs: affirmative and negative

Many verbs have irregular past simple forms.

Base form	Affirmative	Negative
come	**came**	**didn't** come
do	**did**	**didn't** do
get	**got**	**didn't** get
go	**went**	**didn't** go
have	**had**	**didn't** have
make	**made**	**didn't** make
say	**said**	**didn't** say
see	**saw**	**didn't** see
take	**took**	**didn't** take

*** 8 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.**

▶ Katie has breakfast at 7.30.
Katie had breakfast at 7.30.

1 I go swimming with my brother.

2 Mum makes nice cakes.

3 We get a lot of homework.

4 They come to school by bus.

5 We take the dog to the shops.

6 Dad says 'no'.

7 I do my homework in the kitchen.

8 Jessica sees us from her window.

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Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

go catch find ~~give~~ know put
write drink eat sing not have

▶ It was my birthday yesterday.
My uncle gave me £20.

1 Where's my book? I _____
it on the table, but now it isn't there!

2 We were on holiday last week.
I _____ six postcards.

3 This dog hasn't got a home.
We _____ it in the street.

4 The test was easy. I _____
all the answers!

5 I didn't walk to school this morning.
I _____ the bus.

6 She was very hungry. She _____
five sandwiches and two biscuits!

7 It was a fantastic concert. The band
played for three hours and _____
all my favourite songs.

8 The children were thirsty and they
_____ lots of lemonade.

9 She _____ time to eat breakfast
this morning, so she was very hungry
by lunch time.

10 We didn't go to Spain on holiday this
year. We _____ to Turkey.

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