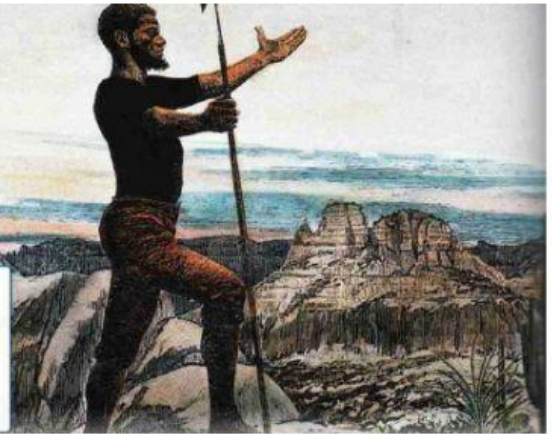


## 30 Past simple

Estevanico **was** the first black explorer to reach North America. He **lived** in the sixteenth century. He **travelled** to America with some Spanish explorers, as a slave. **When** they arrived, they **explored** Texas and New Mexico and he **learned** several native American languages. He **became** a free man in 1536 and **died** in 1539.



### 1 Regular and irregular verbs

Most verbs add **-ed** to the infinitive to form the **past simple**: *stay* → *stayed*, *learn* → *learned*

|           |                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| POSITIVE  | <i>I stayed with my friend last night. He learned native American languages. They failed the exam.</i>                           |
| NEGATIVE  | <i>I did not (didn't) stay with her last night. She did not (didn't) learn any languages. We did not (didn't) fail the exam.</i> |
| QUESTIONS | <i>Did you stay with her? (Yes, I did.) Did she learn any languages? (No, she didn't.) Which exam did they fail?</i>             |

Many common verbs are irregular, e.g. *be* → **was/were**, *do* → **did**, *go* → **went**, *have* → **had**, *make* → **made**, *put* → **put**, *say* → **said**, *see* → **saw**, *take* → **took**, *tell* → **told**

### 2 Past simple for past actions and situations

We use the past simple for

- a single completed action in the past: *He **died** in 1539. Did you see the film last night?*
- repeated actions in the past: *He **learned** several native American languages. Caroline **phoned** her family every day when she was on holiday.*
- a series of actions (when one thing happens after another) in the past: *We **arrived** in Rome at eleven o'clock and **took** a taxi to Franco's apartment. Then we **went** to the square and **looked** round the shops, but we **didn't** buy anything.*
- situations that finished in the past: *He **lived** from 1500 to 1539. Children **didn't** have so many electronic toys when I was young.*

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## PAST SIMPLE TENSE

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### + Affirmative

#### SUBJECT

I / you / we / they  
he / she / it

#### VERB

**lived**

+ Affirmative:

I **lived** in London.

+ Affirmative:

She **lived** in Paris.

+ Affirmative:

He **watched** a movie.

+ Affirmative:

They **wanted** a holiday.

Past tense regular verbs end in **-ed**.

There is only one form of each verb in the **past simple tense**.\*



## Negative

\* The exception is **TO BE** which has two forms: *was* and *were*.

**SUBJECT**  
I / you / we / they  
he / she / it

**AUXILIARY**  
+ **didn't** +

**VERB**  
speak  
need  
live

⊗ The base form of the infinitive = ~~to~~ go, ~~to~~ need, ~~to~~ speak, ~~to~~ live  
The verb is not in the past tense in negative sentences. "Didn't" tells us it is a past tense sentence.

+ Affirmative: I **lived** in Spain.      + Affirmative: He **watched** a movie.  
- Negative: I **didn't live** in Spain.      - Negative: He **didn't watch** a movie.

## ACTIVITIES

- 1- WRITE THE MISSING IRREGULAR VERBS IN THE DIFFERENT COLUMNS.

| INFINITIVE | PAST TENSE           | PAST PARTICIPLE    | INFINITIVE | PAST TENSE           | PAST PARTICIPLE    |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| be         | was/were             | been               | keep       | kept                 | kept               |
| beat       | beat                 | beaten             | know       | knew                 | known              |
| become     | <input type="text"/> | become             | learn      | learnt/<br>learned   | learnt/<br>learned |
| begin      | began                | begun              | leave      | <input type="text"/> | left               |
| break      | broke                | broken             | lend       | lent                 | lent               |
| bring      | <input type="text"/> | brought            | let        | let                  | let                |
| build      | built                | built              | lose       | lost                 | lost               |
| burn       | burnt/<br>burned     | burnt/<br>burned   | make       | <input type="text"/> | made               |
| buy        | <input type="text"/> | bought             | mean       | meant                | meant              |
| catch      | caught               | caught             | meet       | <input type="text"/> | met                |
| choose     | chose                | chosen             | pay        | paid                 | paid               |
| come       | <input type="text"/> | come               | put        | put                  | put                |
| cost       | cost                 | cost               | read       | read                 | read               |
| cut        | cut                  | cut                | ride       | <input type="text"/> | ridden             |
| dig        | dug                  | dug                | ring       | rang                 | rung               |
| dive       | dived                | dived (dove AmE)   | rise       | rose                 | risen              |
| do         | <input type="text"/> | done               | run        | ran                  | run                |
| draw       | drew                 | drawn              | say        | said                 | said               |
| dream      | dreamt/<br>dreamed   | dreamt/<br>dreamed | see        | saw                  | seen               |
| drink      | drank                | drunk              | sell       | sold                 | sold               |
| drive      | drove                | driven             | send       | <input type="text"/> | sent               |
| eat        | <input type="text"/> | eaten              | shine      | shone                | shone              |
| fall       | <input type="text"/> | fallen             | show       | showed               | shown              |
| feel       | felt                 | felt               | sing       | sang                 | sung               |
| fight      | fought               | fought             | sit        | <input type="text"/> | sat                |
| find       | <input type="text"/> | found              | sleep      | slept                | slept              |
| fly        | flew                 | flown              | speak      | spoke                | spoken             |
| forget     | forgot               | forgotten          | spell      | spelt/spelled        | spelt/spelled      |
| forgive    | forgave              | forgiven           | spend      | spent                | spent              |
| freeze     | froze                | frozen             | stand      | stood                | stood              |
| get        | <input type="text"/> | got (gotten AmE)   | steal      | stole                | stolen             |
| give       | <input type="text"/> | given              | swim       | <input type="text"/> | swum               |
| go         | <input type="text"/> | gone               | take       | took                 | taken              |
| grow       | grew                 | grown              | teach      | taught               | taught             |
| have       | had                  | had                | tell       | told                 | told               |
| hear       | heard                | heard              | think      | <input type="text"/> | thought            |
| hide       | hid                  | hidden             | throw      | threw                | thrown             |
| hit        | hit                  | hit                | understand | <input type="text"/> | understood         |
| hold       | held                 | held               | wear       | wore                 | worn               |
| hurt       | hurt                 | hurt               | win        | won                  | won                |
|            |                      |                    | write      | <input type="text"/> | written            |

**A. Find and circle the past tense form of the following verbs in the word search.**

apologise are chew come fall go is leave let lift like open want  
put remember reply run say see set step tell think tie wake



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| t | o | l | d | a | b | w | a | n | t | e | d | r | n | s | f |
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| g | s | t | w | o | k | e | r | r | v | r | e | m | e | p | w |
| h | a | r | p | g | o | r | y | a | a | s | n | b | e | e | a |
| t | i | e | d | i | w | h | e | n | e | a | t | e | s | d | l |
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| u | c | a | m | e | n | u | r | e | p | l | i | e | d | a | e |
| l | i | k | e | d | r | o | o | p | e | n | e | d | i | s | d |

**B. Re**  
**the boxes in the past simple.****Part 1**

apologise is fall open put run tell think wake want

A long time ago, a lion ..... asleep in the jungle. A mouse ..... to play, so she ..... up and down the lion. The lion ..... up and ..... his huge paw on the mouse. 'Breakfast!' he ..... He ..... his mouth to eat the mouse. The mouse ..... very afraid, and she ..... to the lion. She ..... the lion that maybe she could help him someday.

More activities...

**2 GRAMMAR IN USE** Read more about Estevanico and put the verbs in brackets into the past simple. **2.59** Listen and check.

Estevanico (0) was ..... (be) born in North Africa over 500 years ago, in 1490. He first (1) ..... (become) a slave at the age of twenty-three after being captured by some Portuguese explorers, who later (2) ..... (sell) him to Andres Dorantes de Carranza, a captain in the Spanish army.

Dorantes (3) ..... (hear) stories about the New World and in 1527, he and Estevanico (4) ..... (join) an expedition to cross the Atlantic. Things (5) ..... (not go) quite as planned and they (6) ..... (go) first to Hispaniola, then Cuba, then Trinidad, and finally to what is now Florida and into Texas. For eight years Dorantes and Estevanico (7) ..... (explore) the new land and (8) ..... (trade) with the native Americans, then they (9) ..... (travel) to New Spain (Mexico), where Dorantes finally (10) ..... (give) Estevanico his freedom in 1536. Sadly, he (11) ..... (not enjoy) it for long as he (12) ..... (die) in 1539.