

ENGLISH GRAMMAR **PAST SIMPLE TENSE** Woodward's ENGLISH

+ Affirmative

SUBJECT: I / you / we / they + VERB: **lived** ...

he / she / it

Examples: I **lived** in London. She **lived** in Paris. He **watched** a movie. They **wanted** a holiday.

Past tense regular verbs end in -ed. There is only one form of each verb in the past simple tense.*

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

- Negative

SUBJECT: I / you / we / they + AUXILIARY: **didn't** + VERB: **speak** ...

he / she / it

Examples: I **didn't live** in Spain. He **didn't watch** a movie.

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.

? Question

AUXILIARY: **Did** + SUBJECT: I / you / we / they + VERB: **speak** ...

he / she / it

Examples: You **lived** in Italy. She **watched** a movie. Did you **live** in Italy? Did she **watch** a movie?

The base form of the infinitive = to go, to need, to speak, to live. The verb is not in the past tense in questions. "Did" tells us we are asking a past tense question.

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WAS - WERE TO BE - Past Tense Woodward's ENGLISH

AFFIRMATIVE

I **was** happy. He **was** hungry. She **was** a nurse. It **was** big.

NEGATIVE

I **wasn't** sad. He **wasn't** thirsty. She **wasn't** a teacher. It **wasn't** small.

QUESTIONS

Affirmative They **were** happy. She **was** rich.

Question **Were** they happy? **Was** she rich?

Short Answer Yes, they were / No, they weren't. Yes, she was / No, she wasn't.

WH- Words

Where + **was** + I / he / she / it

Why + **were** + we / you / they

When + **was** + I / he / she / it

When + **were** + we / you / they

Complement

sick ...? tired ...? ready ...?

- Why **was** he angry? - When **was** she nervous?

- Where **were** you yesterday? - Who **were** those people?

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Find and correct the mistakes. Write complete sentences.

- They eat dinner at six o'clock yesterday. _____
- Did Maria drove to work this morning? _____
- I not finished my homework last night. _____
- Did you busy last Monday? _____
- Was she buy a new car yesterday? _____
- I wanted to went to Montreal two years ago. _____
- Was you late for the meeting? _____
- Who did you talked to? _____
- Where was you stay in Washington? _____
- I was read that book last year. _____
- John flied to Argentina last week. _____
- He weren't at home last night. _____
- I not see the movie last weekend. _____
- What do you did last night? _____
- Did they has a good time at the party? _____
- Did you in class yesterday? _____