



Simple Past Tense in English

Common Irregular Verbs



Usage: The simple past (also called past simple or preterite) is a verb tense which is used to show that a completed action took place at a specific time in the past. The simple past is also frequently used to talk about past habits and generalisations.

Simple Past Forms: The simple past is formed using the **verb + ed**. In addition, there are many verbs with irregular past forms. Questions are made with *did* and negative forms are made with *did not*.

Put the verbs in the brackets into the correct Simple Past Tense form:

1. Isabella (think) _____ very carefully about her next move.
2. Bridget (come) _____ home from work and collapsed in a heap on the sofa.
3. Ralph (know) _____ everything there was to know about The American Revolution.
4. Winston (have) _____ blueberry pancakes for breakfast this morning.
5. Victoria (take) _____ her dog for a walk in forest.
6. Mia (buy) _____ a new pair of shoes as her feet had grown so much over the summer.
7. Mrs Oakes's students (read) _____ loads of exciting books over the holidays.
8. I (speak) _____ to my girlfriend for ages over the phone last night, we had so much news to catch up on.
9. Last year I (do) _____ loads of exercise. I went to the gym at least three times a week.
10. Last week Chiara (go) _____ to the cinema to see the new Brad Pitt movie.
11. My best friend (tell) _____ me all about the amazing summer camp that she went on. I think I'd like to go next year.
12. Last weekend Joshua (make) _____ blueberry muffin cupcakes on his own, for the very first time. I (be) _____ really pleased with himself.
13. I (forget) _____ to pack my books for school last night, so this morning I was missing half of the things that I (need) _____ for school this morning.
14. In July Kian (go) _____ to Connecticut for the first time, he visited the Mark Twain house and museum.
15. Cole (give) _____ a beautiful birthday present to his mother.
16. Siena (sit) _____ on the white, sandy beach looking out upon the luminous clear blue sea.
17. Lauren (say) _____ that nothing would make her angry.

