

Grammar

Simple past regular verbs (affirmative)

Talking about actions in the past

1 Look at the chart.

Affirmative

I	formed	a band.
You	tried	new sounds.
He / She / It	topped	the chart in 1979.
We	started	playing together.
You	performed	a soul song.
They	created	a new kind of rock music.

Take note!

Spelling rules for simple past regular verbs

- + **-ed**
play → played
- + **-d**
arrive → arrived
- **Double consonant + -ed**
stop → stopped
- **Consonant + -y: changes to -i + -ed**
try → tried

2 Complete the sentences with the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

- They listened to the radio last night. (listen)
- The concert _____ at midnight. (finish)
- Marcus _____ Asia in 2009. (visit)
- Sarah _____ in Los Angeles. (study)
- We _____ soccer in the park yesterday. (play)
- The train _____ for two hours. (stop)

3 Look at the pictures and write what happened to Keira and Harry yesterday. Use the verbs below.

arrive chat drop help try watch



- Keira dropped her books.



- They _____ online last night.



- They _____ late for class.



- Keira _____ to cheat on an exam.



- Harry _____ his brother with his homework.



- Keira and her boyfriend _____ a movie.

Take note!

Past time expressions

in 1968 yesterday
100 years ago last year

4 Write true sentences about you.

- start school
I started school seven years ago
- learn to swim
- listen to music
- watch TV
- stay out

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Over to you!

Write a sentence in the simple past, using the ideas in exercise 4. The sentence can be true or false. Say the sentence to the class. Does the class think the sentence is true or false?

Student A: I started school in 2002.

Student B: That isn't true. You started school in 2003.