

Grammar

Simple past irregular verbs (affirmative)

Talking about actions in the past

1 Look at the chart.

Affirmative		
I	took	these photos.
You	won	the tickets in a competition.
He / She / It	sang	for two hours.
We	saw	Coldplay.
You	met	him last year.
They	went	to a concert.

Take note!

- Irregular verbs don't follow a pattern. You need to learn them. There is a list at the back of the book.

2 Fill in the blanks with the simple past verbs below.

had ran **saw** spent told went

- I **saw** Tom and Sara at the jazz club last night.
- My grandparents _____ lunch with us on Sunday.
- They _____ their teacher about the problem with the test.
- Alex _____ to the Beyoncé concert last night.
- We were late. We _____ all the way to the movie theater.
- You _____ all your money on new sneakers.

3 Write the simple past of these verbs. Three of the verbs are irregular. Look at the list of irregular verbs for help.

- organize **organized**
- happen _____
- receive _____
- help _____
- spend _____
- give _____
- take _____
- watch _____

4 Look at the photo. Fill in the blanks. Use the verbs in exercise 3 in the simple past.



In 2008, Latin American singers Shakira and Miguel Bosé (1) **organized** two concerts to help 32 million children in Latin America. 380,000 fans (2) _____ eight hours listening to their favorite stars. People (3) _____ millions of dollars to help.

Benefit concerts like this happen all over the world. One of the first (4) _____ in 1971, a concert for Bangladesh. The money from this concert (5) _____ hungry people in that country. The Live Aid concerts (6) _____ place in 1985. Hungry people in Ethiopia (7) _____ \$283,000,000 from them. In total, 1.9 billion people in 150 countries (8) _____ the concerts!

Puzzle

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5 Over to you!

Write a sentence in the simple past, but don't write the verb. Write the verb on a different piece of paper. Exchange your sentence with another student and keep the paper with the verb. Can you complete your partner's sentence?

I **went** to Salvador on vacation last year. (go)

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1 Are the verbs in these sentences in the simple present or the simple past? Write *past* or *present*.

- 1 I gave my brother a keyboard. past
- 2 I play the piano. present
- 3 My dad makes guitars. _____
- 4 I met my favorite band yesterday. _____
- 5 I play the bass every day. _____
- 6 Tania bought some new drums. _____

2 Circle the correct word.

- 1 Jake sold / ~~selled~~ his ticket to the concert.
- 2 He ~~tryed~~ / ~~tried~~ to learn the piano.
- 3 I ~~taked~~ / ~~took~~ my camera with me on vacation.
- 4 Ben ~~helped~~ / ~~help~~ Harry with his homework last night.
- 5 We ~~won~~ / ~~winned~~ the soccer game on Sunday.
- 6 Larry and Sandy ~~watch~~ / ~~watched~~ TV last night.

3 Fill in the blanks with the simple past form of the verbs below.

buy find give **go** meet run see spend

- I (1) went to the mall last weekend, and
I (2) _____ all of my money on clothes.



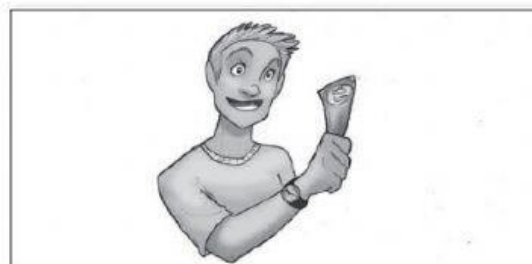
- Al (3) _____ the guitar in the window
of the music store and he (4) _____ it.



- Yesterday, I (5) _____ a friend, and we
(6) _____ in the park.



- Last year, David (7) _____ twenty dollars.
He (8) _____ ten dollars to his brother.



Irregular verbs

Base form	Simple past	Base form	Simple past	Base form	Simple past
babysit	babysat	get	got	send	sent
be	was / were	give	gave	sing	sang
become	became	go	went	sink	sank
break	broke	has / have	had	sit	sat
build	built	hit	hit	sleep	slept
buy	bought	know	knew	speak	spoke
come	came	make	made	swim	swam
do	did	meet	met	take	took
draw	drew	read	read	tell	told
drink	drank	ride	rode	wear	wore
drive	drove	run	ran	win	won
find	found	see	saw		
fly	flew	sell	sold		