

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

The use:

We use the past simple to talk about an event that **happened and finished** in the past or past **situations** and past **habits**.

The rule:

(They/ We/ You/ She/ He/ It/ I/singular noun/plural noun) + **v2** + com.

#	Spelling rule	Example/s
1	The regular verb we add (-d/-ed)	She visited her mother yesterday.
2	The irregular verb we change the form of it into (v2)	We ate lots of cake last week in the party.
3	Verbs that end in a consonant + Y , we remove the Y and add -ied .	I studied Arabic in 2006.
4	Verbs that end in a vowel + Y , we just add -ed .	He played football yesterday.
5	When a one-syllable verb ends in one vowel + consonant , double the consonant.	stop + p + ed = stopped rob = robbed beg = begged plan = planned

Negative: (neg.)

(They / We / You / I / She / He / It/ singular noun/plural noun) + **didn't** + **base verb** +com.

e.g.1) They **didn't** play football last month. e.g.2) She **didn't** write a letter yesterday.

Interrogative (question) {الاستفهام/السؤال}

1- Yes/No questions:

Did + (they/we/I/you /she/he/it/singular noun/plural noun) + **base verb** + com.?

Yes, (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it) **did**.

No, (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it) + **didn't**.

e.g. **Did** she write a letter yesterday?

Yes, she **did**.

No, she **didn't**.

2- Wh- Q: The answer by using a **sentence**.

-Wh- word + did+ (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it /singular noun/plural noun) + V (1)+ com.?

-They/We/I/You/ She/He/It /singular noun/plural noun + V2+com.

E.g: When **did** you **go** to the park?

I **went** to the park yesterday.

Verbs to be in the past: (was/were)

(She/ He/It/ I) + **was** +com.

e.g. She **was** a student last summer.

Neg.

(She/ He/It/ I) + wasn't +com.

e.g. She **wasn't** a student last summer.

Q.

Was+ (she/ he/it/ I)+ com.?

e.g.

- **She was** a student last summer.



- **Was she** a student last summer?

Yes, she **was**.

No, she **wasn't**.

(They/ We/ You) + **were** +com.

e.g. You **were** late yesterday.

Neg.

(They/ We/ You) + weren't +com.

e.g. You **weren't** late yesterday.

Q.

Were + (they/ we/ you)+ com.?

e.g.

- **You were** late yesterday.



- **Were you** late yesterday?

Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**.

e.g: **Were they** famous actors in 2000?

Yes, they **were**.

No, they **weren't**.

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The key words:

last (month/year/week/winter...etc.)

in 2005 (any time in the past)

Yesterday

this morning

Number + (years/months/days...etc.) ago= **four years ago**

These adverbs may also be used in combination with always, usually, every morning, often, sometimes, twice a week, once a month.

Examples:

- 1- Joy **was** a firefighter in 1999.
- 2- We **were** friends in the past.
- 3- I **saw** a movie yesterday.
- 4- Did you **have** dinner last night?
- 5- He **didn't wash** his car last Monday.
- 6- Akram **went** to the shop this morning.
- 7- Her father **died** last year.
- 8- I **went** to the theatre last night.
- 9- Muna **was** in Japan last year.
- 10- Sami **had** a headache yesterday.
- 11- Lana and Rami **arrived** in Syria six weeks ago.
- 12- Last year, Mohammad **drank** milk every morning.

*Exercise: Write the correct form of the verb in the table:

#	Verb1	Verb 2	#	Verb1	Verb 2
1	find		6	say	
2	cut		7	dream	
3	walk		8	travel	
4	enjoy		9	lie	
5	cry		10	offer	

GOOD LUCK

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