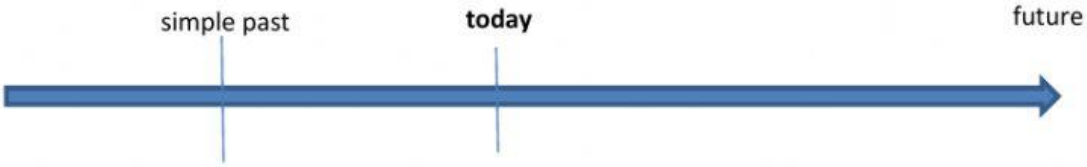
Simple Past

The simple past is used to talk about things that happened in the past and have no connection to the present.



*1) There are signal **words** that tell you to use the simple past. Match the following signal words with their German translation.*

yesterday	vor einem Monat
last month	letzten Sommer
last summer	gestern
a month **ago**	in 2012
in 2012	letzten Monat

2) **regular verbs**

infinitive + ed I clean my room. → Yesterday, I cleaned my room.
Did you clean your room yesterday?
I didn´t clean my room yesterday.

3) irregular verbs

Unfortunately, there is no trick to build the irregular verbs. You have to learn them!

Verb	Simple Past	Negation	Question
be	(I) was / (you) were	wasn´t / weren´t	Was I / Were you..?
become	became	didn´t become	Did you become...?
begin	began	didn´t begin	Did you begin...?
break	broke	didn´t break	Did you break...?
bring	brought	didn´t bring	Did you bring...?
buy	bought	didn´t buy	Did you buy...?
come	came	didn´t come	Did you come...?
do	did	didn´t	Did you do...?
eat	ate	didn´t eat	Did you eat...?
find	found	didn´t find	Did you find...?
forget	forgot	didn´t forget	Did you forget...?
go	went	didn´t go	Did you go...?
give	gave	didn´t give	Did you give ...?
have	had	hadn´t	Did you have...?
say	said	didn´t say	Did you say...?
tell	told	didn´t tell	Did you tell...?
write	wrote	didn´t write	Did you write...?

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*4) It´s **your turn** now. Write the correct form in the gaps. Use the regular verbs in the brackets.*

1) My uncle (visit) us this weekend.

2) I (listen) to music with my friends.

3) We (study) hard for the exam. So, we (answer)all the questions.

4) " you (finish) your homework?"

"No, I ."

5) I (wait) for the school bus but it (not-come).

6) Karen (ask) for help to finish her homework.

7) you (invite) them to your party last week?

8) Yesterday night, somebody (knock) at the door. But I (not-open) it.

9) The students (walk) down the street with their teachers.

10) Something strange (happen) last night.

11) Tom (check) his answers.

12) The postman (deliver) the letters.

13) We (live) in Madrid three years ago.

14) Helen (not-study) for the exam and she (fail).

*4) It´s **your turn** now. Write the correct form in the gaps. Use the irregular verbs in the brackets.*

1. Daisy (bring) some chocolates to the birthday party.
2. The Smiths (speak) Italian to the waitress.
3. My mother (forget) to buy some milk.
4. Susan (have) a baby in August.
5. I (give) my mother a CD for her birthday.
6. At the age of 23, she (become) a teacher.
7. Peter (tell) me that he lived in New York.
8. Last summer, I (buy) a new swim suit.
9. Last weekend, I (have) a lot of friends visiting me.

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