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GRAMMAR BANK

2A past simple: regular and irregular verbs

	regular	irregular
+	We stayed at a hotel last summer.	I went to Turkey twice last year.
-	He didn't stay with friends.	She didn't go to France.
?	Did you stay for the weekend?	Did you go to Madrid?
✓	Yes, I did .	No, we didn't .
Wh?	Where did you stay ?	Why did you go ?

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- We use *didn't* + infinitive for negatives and *Did...* + subject + infinitive for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QuASI** to remember word order in questions. See 1A p.126.

spelling rules for regular verbs

infinitive	past	spelling
work	worked	add -ed
stay	stayed	
like	liked	add d if verb finishes in e
study	studied	y → ied after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple of regular verbs add -ed. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in the past simple, e.g. *go* → *went*, *see* → *saw*. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

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a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we had (have) a holiday in Scotland. We ¹ _____ (drive) there from London, but our car ² _____ (break) down on the motorway and we ³ _____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we ⁴ _____ (get) to Edinburgh we ⁵ _____ (go) to our hotel, but they ⁶ _____ (not can) find our reservation, and they ⁷ _____ (be) full. We ⁸ _____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we ⁹ _____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we ¹⁰ _____ (stay) there for the week. We ¹¹ _____ (see) the castle and ¹² _____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³ _____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we ¹⁴ _____ (not have) much time and it ¹⁵ _____ (be) quite far away. The weather ¹⁶ _____ (not be) very good – it ¹⁷ _____ (start) raining on the day we ¹⁸ _____ (leave) London, and it never ¹⁹ _____ (stop)!

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?

We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?

I went with my family.

3 _____?

We stayed in a hotel,

4 _____ the plane tickets
_____?

They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?

We usually went out for dinner.

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