

45 Past simple (1)

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1 Form

We add **-ed** to most verbs to make the past simple:

watch → *watched*, *finish* → *finished*

Study these spellings:

die → *died*, *live* → *lived*, *like* → *liked*

stop → *stopped*, *plan* → *planned*, *travel* → *travelled*

carry → *carried*, *study* → *studied*

I/You

He/She/It

We/You/They

finished yesterday.



The pronunciation of the **-ed** ending depends on the sound that comes before it.

Some verbs are irregular. They do not form the past simple with **-ed**:

buy → *bought*, *do* → *did*, *have (got)* → *had (got)*,

go → *went*, *hit* → *hit*, *leave* → *left*,

make → *made*, *put* → *put*, *say* → *said*, *take* → *took*,

see → *saw*, *tell* → *told*, *win* → *won*

2 Use

We use the past simple to talk about

- a single finished action in the past:

I went to the dentist yesterday.

I passed my exam last week.

- a repeated action in the past:

I called your mobile five times yesterday.

We often use time expressions (e.g. *yesterday*, *in 2002*, *last year*) to say when something happened:

Daniel Craig made his first Bond film *in 2006.*

I started work

last month.

It rained all day

yesterday.

My English course started

two months ago. (two months before now)

We can also use *when* + past simple:

My father played football when he was young.

When she left college, Isabel had no money.

Practice

- 1 In each group, one past form is made in a different way from the others.
Find the ones that are different.

- 0 talked asked made passed 3 died smiled phoned cried
1 walked played went visited 4 watched told took had
2 stopped robbed planned listened 5 carried worried studied enjoyed

- 2 Write the past form of the verbs in the box below.

+ -ed	repeat the consonant and add -ed	+ -d	(-y) + -ied	irregular verbs
<i>happened</i>	<i>robbed</i>	<i>phoned</i>	<i>hurried</i>	<i>told</i>

happen hurry
phone rob tell
carry enjoy go
live make plan
smile stop
study watch

- 3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose past forms from Exercise 2 to complete the text.

DANIEL CRAIG – the new James Bond

Daniel Craig was born in Chester, England in 1968. When he was young, he (0) lived in the Wirral, near Liverpool. At school he (1) sport and he was in several teams. When he was a child, he (2) *Star Trek* on television and he says it is his ambition to appear in a *Star Trek* film. He (3) to London when he was sixteen and joined the National Youth Theatre. He then (4) acting at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He (5) his first film for the BBC in 1996 – *Our Friends in the North*. In 2006 he got the part of James Bond. Many people were surprised when this (6), because Craig has blond hair and all the other actors who have played Bond have dark hair.



- 4 Complete these sentences. Put the verbs in brackets () in the past tense.
Then put the underlined words in the correct position.

- 0 Jane (start) a new job month. last *Jane started a new job last month.*
1 I (play) football all the time I was young. when
.....
2 Europeans (see) potatoes for the first time about five hundred years. ago
.....
3 Somebody (rob) our local bank Wednesday. on
.....
4 My father (have) an American motorbike he was young. when
.....
5 April I (win) a bicycle in a magazine competition. in
.....
6 Six months my brother (stop) smoking. ago
.....