



The Past Simple 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 rules	Example/s
1	The regular verb we add (-d/-ed)	She visited her mother yesterday. They liked your book last night.
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 . { cry/fry/try/dry/carry/marry/copy }	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 clap = clapped beg = begged skip = skipped plan = planned shop = shopped
6	We double the last letter in the verb (travel) - (travel l ed).	They travelled to London last winter.





Negative (neg.):

(They / We / You / I / She / He / It/ singular or 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 sentences (question):

1- Yes/No questions:

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

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

or

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

e.g. Did she **write** a letter yesterday? Yes, she **did**. or No, she **didn't**.

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

-Wh- word+did+(they/we/I/you/ she/he/it /singular/plural noun) + **base verb** + 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.

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

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

Neg.

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

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

Neg.

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

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

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**.



Q.

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

e.g.1:

- **You were** late yesterday.



- **Were you** late yesterday?

Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**.

e.g2:

Were they famous actors in 2000?

Yes, they **were**.

No, they **weren't**.



The key words:

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

this morning

in 2005 (any time in the past)

Yesterday

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

When I was young/child...etc

the day before yesterday

In the past

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 **watched** a play in the Roman 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.
- 13- When Anas was young, he **planned** to travel around the world.



My sweet student, remember that:

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.



The irregular verbs:

BASE FORM	V2 (SIMPLE PAST)	V3 (PAST PARTICIPLE)
1-All forms of the verb are the same :		
1. cut	cut	cut
2. put	put	put
3. read	read	read
4. hurt	hurt	hurt
5. shut	shut	shut
6. hit	hit	hit
7. let	let	let
8. set up	set up	set up
2- Delete the letter {e}:		
9. meet	met	met
10. feed	fed	fed
11. bleed	bled	bled
3- Change {d} to {t}:		
12. build	built	built
13. spend	spent	spent
14. send	sent	sent
4- Group {i}-{a}-{u}:		
15. sing	sang	sung
16. drink	drank	drunk
17. swim	swam	swum
18. ring	rang	rung
19. begin	began	begun
5- Add { aught } after the first letter of the verb:		
20. teach	taught	taught
21. catch	caught	caught
6- Change the verb by adding { ought }:		
22. buy	bought	bought
23. bring	brought	brought
24. think	thought	thought
25. fight	fought	fought

7- Delete {e} and add {t} at the end of the verb:

26. sleep	slept	slept
27. keep	kept	kept
28. feel	felt	felt



8- V3 the same as the base form of the verb:

29. come	came	come
30. become	became	become
31. run	ran	run

9- V3 ends with {en}:

32. give	gave	given
33. wake	woke	woken
34. forgive	forgave	forgiven
35. break	broke	broken
36. see	saw	seen
37. write	wrote	written
38. steal	stole	stolen
39. speak	spoke	spoken
40. freeze	froze	frozen
41. drive	drove	driven
42. eat	ate	eaten
43. choose	chose	chosen
44. take	took	taken
45. fall	fell	fallen

10- Add {t} at the end of the verb:

46. mean	meant	meant
47. dream	dreamt	dreamt
48. learn	learnt	learnt
49. burn	burnt	burnt
50. spoil	spoil	spoil

11- In V2 change {o} to {e} & in V3 add {n} at the end of the verb:

51. blow	blew	blown
52. throw	threw	thrown
53. grow	grew	grown
54. know	knew	known



12- In V2 change {a} to {e} & in V3 add {n} at the end of the verb:

55. draw	drew	drawn
56. withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn

13- Change {e} to {o} and delete {l} then add {d} at the end of the verb:

57. sell	sold	sold
58. tell	told	told

14- Other verbs without special thing:

59. go	went	gone
60. understand	understood	understood
61. stand	stood	stood
62. leave	left	left
63. lose	lost	lost
64. hear	heard	heard
65. win	won	won
66. make	made	made
67. be	was/were	been
68. do	did	done
69. have	had	had
70. find	found	found
71. fly	flew	flown
72. forget	forgot	forgotten
73. get	got	got
74. hide	hid	hidden
75. ride	rode	ridden
76. show	showed	showed or shown
77. sit	sat	sat
78. wear	wore	worn
79.		

15- Change the verb by adding {aid}:

80. say	said	said
81. pay	paid	paid
82. lay	laid	laid



The regular verbs:

#	Base form	Past simple (v2)	Past Participle (v3)
1-	enjoy	enjoyed	enjoyed
2-	pray	prayed	prayed
3-	bury	buried	buried
4-	carry	carried	carried
5-	arrive	arrived	arrived
6-	phone	phoned	phoned
7-	like	liked	liked
8-	live	lived	Lived
9-	water	watered	watered
10-	mention	mentioned	mentioned
11-	thank	thanked	thanked
12-	talk	talked	talked

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

#	Verb1	Verb 2	#	Verb1	Verb 2
1	find		7	say	
2	cut		8	dream	
3	walk		9	travel	
4	leave		10	shop	
5	cry		11	offer	
6	enjoy		12	mention	


Good luck


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