

A They **watch** television every evening.
(*present simple*)

They **watched** television yesterday evening.
(*past simple*)

watched is the *past simple*:

I/we/you/they he/she/it	watched
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B The past simple is often **-ed** (*regular verbs*). For example:

work → worked	clean → cleaned	start → started
stay → stayed	arrive → arrived	dance → danced

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1986 to 1993.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

Spelling (⇒ Appendix 5):

try → tried	study → studied	copy → copied
stop → stopped	plan → planned	

C Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

begin → began	fall → fell	leave → left	sell → sold
break → broke	find → found	lose → lost	sit → sat
bring → brought	fly → flew	make → made	sleep → slept
build → built	forget → forgot	meet → met	speak → spoke
buy → bought	get → got	pay → paid	stand → stood
catch → caught	give → gave	put → put	take → took
come → came	go → went	read → read /red/*	tell → told
do → did	have → had	ring → rang	think → thought
drink → drank	hear → heard	say → said	win → won
eat → ate	know → knew	see → saw	write → wrote

* *pronunciation*

- I usually get up early but this morning I **got** up at 9.30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- Jim **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

11.4

Write sentences about the past (**yesterday / last week** etc.).

- 1 Jim always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- 2 Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- 3 Kate meets her friends every evening. She yesterday evening.
- 4 I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I
- 5 We usually go to the cinema on Sundays. Last Sunday we
- 6 I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- 7 Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he
- 8 Our friends come to see us every Friday. They last Friday.

11.5

Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

- 1 I played volleyball yesterday. 4
- 2 5
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