

## worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

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

\* 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.

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| 1 | <u>I played volleyball yesterday.</u> | 4 | ..... |
| 2 | .....                                 | 5 | ..... |
| 3 | .....                                 | 6 | ..... |