

# PAST SIMPLE



## Regular verbs:

We form the Past Simple of regular verbs by adding **-ed**.

### Affirmative

I **stayed**  
You **stayed**  
He **stayed**  
She **stayed**  
It **stayed**  
We **stayed**  
You **stayed**  
They **stayed**

### Negative

#### Long form

I **did not** stay  
You **did not** stay  
He **did not** stay  
She **did not** stay  
It **did not** stay  
We **did not** stay  
You **did not** stay  
They **did not** stay

#### Short form

I **didn't** stay  
You **didn't** stay  
He **didn't** stay  
She **didn't** stay  
It **didn't** stay  
We **didn't** stay  
You **didn't** stay  
They **didn't** stay

### Interrogative

**Did** I stay?  
**Did** you stay?  
**Did** he stay?  
**Did** she stay?  
**Did** it stay?  
**Did** we stay?  
**Did** you stay?  
**Did** they stay?

## Spelling

**-e → -d**

like - **liked**  
hate - **hated**  
close - **closed**

**double consonant + ed**

prefer - **preferred**  
stop - **stopped**  
travel - **travelled**

**consonant + y → -ied**

carry - **carried**  
study - **studied**  
tidy - **tidied**

**vowel + y → -yed**

play - **played**  
enjoy - **enjoyed**  
stay - **stayed**

## 85 Write the "Past Simple" of the following verbs.

- |                       |            |        |           |
|-----------------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| 1. open <i>opened</i> | 4. empty   | 7. try | 10. fry   |
| 2. love               | 5. regret  | 8. die | 11. smoke |
| 3. plan               | 6. quarrel | 9. cry | 12. play  |

## Pronunciation

**86** Add -ed to the verbs, put them in the correct column and read them out.

arrive, close, help, want, hurry, look, watch, clean, cook, regret, rob, visit, add, push, start, live, end, wait, count, like, travel, tidy, laugh, finish, kiss, post, change, open

/ɪd/	/t/	/d/
after /t/, /d/	after /k/, /s/, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /t/, /p/	after other sounds
counted .....	kissed .....	opened .....
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.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

**Irregular verbs have a special past form.**

<b>Present</b>	I go	I drink	I am
<b>Past</b>	I went	I drank	I was

**Past Simple of the verb “to be”**

<b>Affirmative</b>	I was, You were, He/She/It was, We were, You were, They were
<b>Interrogative</b>	Was I?, Were you?, Was he/she it?, Were we?, Were you?, Were they?
<b>Negative</b>	I was not, You were not, He/She/It was not, We were not, You were not, They were not
<b>short form</b>	I wasn't, You weren't, He/She/It wasn't, We weren't, You weren't, They weren't

**87** Fill in the blanks with “am”, “is”, “are”, “was” or “were”.



Today I 1) *am* at home. It 2) ..... Saturday morning and it 3) ..... very cold. It's only a month since my family and I 4) ..... on holiday in Portugal. The weather 5) ..... fantastic; it 6) ..... really hot and sunny. We 7) ..... all happy then. It 8) ..... not long ago, of course, but I 9) ..... already missing the sun and the sea. Well, it 10) ..... nice to be back home with all our friends.



- 88** Look at the List of Irregular Verbs at the end of the book and fill in the blanks.

Present	Past	Present	Past
go	... <i>went</i> .....	finish	.....
have/has	.....	meet	.....
.....	came	.....	sang
is / are	.....	speak	.....

We use the Past Simple for actions which finished at a stated time in the past .  
The Past Simple is used with time expressions of the past.

### Time expressions used with the Past Simple

yesterday	last night / week / month / year	two days ago	when
then	a week / month / year ago	in 1980	etc.

- 89** Choose a verb from the box to fill in the blanks with "Present" or "Past Simple".

finish, go, have, be



Usually



Yesterday



James usually 1) ... *finishes* ... work at 4.30 p.m. Yesterday he 2) ..... work at 1.00 p.m.  
He usually 3) ..... home by train. Yesterday he 4) ..... home by taxi.  
He usually 5) ..... dinner at home. Yesterday he 6) ..... dinner in a  
restaurant with his friends. He usually 7) ..... to bed early. Yesterday he 8) .....  
..... to bed late because it 9) ..... his birthday.

- 90** Look at the List of Irregular Verbs at the end of the book and fill in the blanks.

Present	Past	Present	Past
... <i>have</i> .....	had	begin	.....
.....	cut	do	.....
take	.....	leave	.....
steal	.....	shine	.....
drink	.....	.....	became
.....	put	hear	.....
make	.....	write	.....
can	.....	say	.....
find	.....	get	.....
run	.....	see	.....
tell	.....	hold	.....

- 91** Fill in the blanks with the “Past Simple” of the correct verbs from the list.

put up, cook, go, make, take, collect, drink, meet, speak, play, feel, sing



Last weekend I 1) ... *went* ..... camping with my friends. We 2) ..... tents and sleeping bags. Three of us 3) ..... the tents while the others 4) ..... wood and 5) ..... a fire. We 6) ..... potatoes and 7) ..... Coke. In the evening, Tom 8) ..... the guitar and everybody 9) ..... songs. We 10) ..... some French tourists and 11) ..... to them in French. At about midnight, we all 12) ..... sleepy, so we 13) ..... to bed.

- 92** Fill in the blanks with a time expression from the list below:

at the moment, always, two months ago, in 1986, last night, every weekend, last summer

- We saw a really good film at the cinema ..... *last night* .....
- They went to Egypt for the whole month of August .....
- My parents do the shopping .....
- He finished school .....
- I am working ..... I can't come with you.
- She ..... sneezes when she is near a cat; she's allergic to them.
- He passed his driving test .....



**93 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

1. He often ..... *brings* ..... (bring) me flowers.
2. .... (you / meet) Paul yesterday?
3. Father ..... (work) in the garden now.
4. What ..... (you / do) at the moment?
5. Mr Jones ..... (paint) his house last month.
6. She ..... (go) to school on foot every day.
7. It ..... (be) hot yesterday.
8. The baby ..... (not / sleep) now.
9. He never ..... (drive) fast.
10. She ..... (leave) Paris in 1987.

**Short answers**

Yes, I/you/he/she/it **did.** No, I/you/he/she/it **didn't.**  
 we/you/they

**94 Ask and answer as in the example :**

	go for a walk	play golf	write a letter	wash the car
Peter	✓	✓		
Sally		✓	✓	
Mr & Mrs Page	✓			✓
You				

1. Peter / play golf? ..... *Did Peter play golf yesterday? Yes, he did.* .....
2. Peter / wash the car? .....
3. Peter / write a letter? .....
4. Sally / go for a walk? .....
5. Sally / play golf? .....
6. Sally / wash the car? .....
7. Mr & Mrs Page / play golf? .....
8. Mr & Mrs Page / write a letter? .....

**Now write short paragraphs as in the example :**

1. Peter .... *went for a walk and played golf. He didn't write a letter or wash the car.* .....
2. Sally .....
3. Mr and Mrs Page .....
4. I .....

**95 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Past Simple".**

Pamela : What 1) .... *did you do* .... (you / do) last weekend?  
 Tony : I 2) ..... (go) to my cousin's house.  
 Pamela : 3) ..... (be) it far?  
 Tony : No, it only 4) ..... (take) us 30 minutes.  
 Pamela : 5) ..... (you / stay) there long?  
 Tony : We 6) ..... (stay) only for the weekend.  
 What 7) ..... (you / do) last weekend?  
 Pamela : My family and I 8) ..... (take) the dog and we  
 9) ..... (have) a picnic on the beach.  
 Tony : 10) ..... (be) it sunny?  
 Pamela : Yes, the sun 11) ..... (shine) all day.



**96 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Past Simple".**

Bryan Adams comes from Canada. He 1) ..... *left* ..... (leave) school at sixteen and  
 2) ..... (work) as a gardener. He 3) ..... (start) his career  
 as a singer at the age of eighteen. He 4) ..... (work) hard then.  
 He only 5) ..... (become) famous in 1987 when he 6) ..... (make)  
 his first album which he 7) ..... (call) "Reckless". After "Reckless" no one  
 8) ..... (hear) about him for a while, until 1991 when he 9) ..... (sing)  
 "Everything I Do, I Do It for You" which 10) ..... (be) a great success. After that he  
 11) ..... (go) on a world tour. Today, Bryan Adams is back in Canada enjoying his success.

**97 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Present Simple" or "Past Simple".**



Tommy Brown 1) .... *is* ..... (be) a real story-teller. No one  
 2) ..... (believe) what he 3) ..... (say) because he always 4) ..... (tell) lies. He  
 5) ..... (live) in a small village and 6) ..... (work) on a farm near his village.  
 One night last week Tommy 7) ..... (finish) work late. It  
 8) ..... (be) dark and cold. Suddenly he 9) ..... (hear)  
 a strange noise so he 10) ..... (look) up. It 11) ..... (be) a UFO with bright flashing lights. It 12) ..... (come down) towards him and he 13) ..... (see) two green  
 men looking at him. He 14) ..... (scream), 15) ..... (drop) his bag and 16) ..... (run away).  
 When he 17) ..... (arrive) at the village he 18) ..... (meet) some villagers and 19) ..... (start) to tell them  
 the news but they all 20) ..... (laugh) at him.  
 No one 21) ..... (believe) Tommy.



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Choose a verb from the list and complete the text using the "Past Simple".

decide, get into, drive, find, take, start, tell, pack, move,  
begin, see, run away, can, be, have, get out, mend, arrive, go



Last Sunday the Smiths 1) ... *decided* ... to go on a picnic, so they all 2) ..... the car and  
3) ..... to the country. They 4) ..... a nice place in a field and  
5) ..... the food out of the basket. As soon as they 6) ..... to eat  
an angry farmer 7) ..... them to get off his land. They 8) ..... everything  
up again and 9) ..... to another field. The moment they 10) .....  
to eat, they 11) ..... a bull running towards them. They 12) .....  
as fast as they 13) ..... It 14) ..... raining very hard so they  
15) ..... the car to go home. They 16) ..... not even  
half-way home when they 17) ..... a puncture. They 18) .....  
of the car and 19) ..... it. When they 20) ..... home,  
they 21) ..... wet and miserable. They 22) ..... a cup of tea and  
23) ..... to bed.

**99** Write what they and you had or didn't have at the age of six.



	doll	walkman	teddy bear	school bag
Phil		✓	✓	✓
Cherry	✓		✓	✓
You				

- Phil ..... *didn't have a doll but he had a walkman, a teddy bear and a school bag when he was six.*
- Cherry .....
- I .....

**100** Choose the correct item.

- It ..... *C* ..... now.  
A) snows B) snowed C) is snowing
- Have we got ..... milk?  
A) some B) any C) many
- There isn't ..... in the kitchen.  
A) anybody B) somebody C) nobody
- Do you like spaghetti? Yes, .....  
A) do I B) I do C) I don't
- I've got ..... money. I can buy an ice-cream.  
A) a little B) a few C) little
- There are so ..... plants in the garden!  
A) much B) little C) many
- She ..... tennis well.  
A) play B) doesn't play C) don't play
- Ann ..... coffee now!  
A) drank B) drink C) is drinking
- Look at him! He .....  
A) is swimming B) swam C) swims
- There's ..... bread in the cupboard.  
A) little B) few C) many
- She ..... to school yesterday.  
A) is going B) goes C) went
- This book ..... to me.  
A) belongs B) belong C) is belonging
- We ..... abroad last summer.  
A) travel B) travels C) travelled
- ..... name is Jim Smith.  
A) He B) His C) Him
- She's got ..... cheese.  
A) some B) a C) an
- These are the ..... dresses.  
A) girls's B) girl C) girls'



**102 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Present Simple" or "Present Continuous".**

- Helen: Hello. I 1) ... *want* ... (want) to speak to Bob, please. 2) ..... (he/be) there?  
 Man: No, he 3) ..... (not/be). He 4) ..... (work) at his office at the moment.  
 He always 5) ..... (work) there in the afternoons.  
 Helen: Well, can I speak to his mother or father, please?  
 Man: Sorry, but they 6) ..... (stay) with some friends in the country this weekend. They  
 7) ..... (visit) them once a month.  
 Helen: What about Jane? What 8) ..... (she/do)?  
 Man: She 9) ..... (swim) in the pool with her friends now.  
 Helen: Well, it 10) ..... (seem) this 11) ..... (not/be) my lucky day.  
 Can you tell Bob to call me when he 12) ..... (come) back home?

**103 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Present Simple" or "Past Simple".**

- This 1) ... *is* ... (be) my dog, Blackie. He 2) ..... (be) a small  
 black dog with a bushy tail. Every day I 3) ..... (take) him  
 for a walk to the park. He 4) ..... (run) everywhere and  
 5) ..... (play) with his ball on the grass. When we 6) .....  
 (come) back he 7) ..... (eat) his food and then he  
 8) ..... (lie) on the carpet. At night he 9) .....  
 (sleep) on a rug near my bed. One day last year I 10) .....  
 (take) him for a walk but I 11) ..... (lose) him. He  
 12) ..... (not/be) anywhere. I 13) ..... (go) home and  
 14) ..... (tell) my parents. They 15) ..... (search)  
 the park and then they 16) ..... (go) to the police. A few days  
 later a policeman 17) ..... (come) to my house. Blackie 18) ..... (be)  
 with him. I 19) ..... (be) very happy to see him back home.



# Irregular verbs

Infinitive	Past	Infinitive	Past
be	was	lie	lay
bear	bore	light	lit
beat	beat	lose	lost
become	became	make	made
begin	began	mean	meant
bite	bit	meet	met
blow	blew	pay	paid
break	broke	put	put
bring	brought	read	read
build	built	ride	rode
burn	burnt	ring	rang
burst	burst	rise	rose
buy	bought	run	ran
can	could	say	said
catch	caught	see	saw
choose	chose	seek	sought
come	came	sell	sold
cost	cost	send	sent
cut	cut	set	set
deal	dealt	sew	sewed
dig	dug	shake	shook
do	did	shine	shone
draw	drew	shoot	shot
dream	dreamt	show	showed
drink	drank	shut	shut
drive	drove	sing	sang
eat	ate	sit	sat
fall	fell	sleep	slept
feed	fed	smell	smelt
feel	felt	speak	spoke
fight	fought	spell	spelt
find	found	spend	spent
fly	flew	spill	spilt
forbid	forbade	split	split
forget	forgot	spoil	spoilt
forgive	forgave	spread	spread
freeze	froze	spring	sprang
get	got	stand	stood
give	gave	steal	stole
go	went	stick	stuck
grow	grew	sting	stung
hang	hung	strike	struck
have	had	swear	swore
hear	heard	sweep	swept
hide	hid	swim	swam
hit	hit	take	took
hold	held	teach	taught
hurt	hurt	tear	tore
keep	kept	tell	told
know	knew	think	thought
lay	laid	throw	threw
lead	led	understand	understood
learn	learnt	wake	woke
leave	left	wear	wore
lend	lent	win	won
let	let	write	wrote