

DEFINITION

Used to describe completed actions in the past.

TIME EXPRESSIONS

Yesterday
Last night/week/month/year
Two days ago
In 1990
When I was a child

STRUCTURE

(+) Affirmative
Subject + Verb (past form)
(-) Negative
Subject + did not + Verb (base form)
(?) Question
Did + Subject + Verb (base form)?

PAST SIMPLE

IRREGULAR VERBS

Change completely or partially
go → *went*
see → *saw*
eat → *ate*

REGULAR VERBS

Add -ed to the base verb
work → *worked*
talk → *talked*

EXAMPLES

- I visited my grandmother.
- He didn't like the food.
- Did they arrive on time?