

Simple Past

What is the Simple Past?

We use the **simple past** to talk about actions or situations that **started and finished in the past**. You can use the simple past to talk about your **past vacations**, what **you did yesterday**, your **weekend activities**, etc.

Examples:

- I worked on Saturday.
- She went to the movies last weekend.
- We were tired yesterday.



Common time expressions: - *yesterday* - *last night* / *last weekend* / *last year* - *two days ago*

Negative Sentences

We use **did not (didn't)** + **base verb**.

Examples: I didn't work on Saturday/ she didn't go anywhere.

Questions

We use **Did** + **subject** + **base verb?**

Examples: Did you work yesterday? / When did he study for the test?

Answers: - Yes, I did.- No, I didn't. / he studied last week

Verb To Be in the Simple Past

The past of to be is **was** / **were**.

Affirmative: I was happy / they were tired.

Negative: I wasn't late/ We weren't at school.

Simple Past of Regular Verbs

Regular verbs end in – **ed**

work → worked

play → played

study → studied

Simple Past of Irregular Verbs

Some verbs change completely in the past.

go → went

do → did

have → had

You must memorize irregular verbs.

Exercises

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I _____ (work) all day yesterday.
2. She _____ (go) to the movies last night.
3. We _____ (study) for the English test.
4. They _____ (play) soccer on Saturday.
5. He _____ (have) a great weekend.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct option (5 points)

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| 1. I _____ tired yesterday.
a) were
b) was | 4. We _____ TV after dinner.
a) watched
b) watching |
| 2. They _____ at home last night.
a) were
b) wasn't | 5. He _____ happy with the result.
a) was
b) weren't |
| 3. She _____ to a club last weekend.
a) gone | |

Exercise 3: Make negative sentences (5 points)

Change the sentences to negative.

1. I worked on Sunday. _____
2. She went to school yesterday. _____
3. They were late. _____
4. He studied for the exam. _____
5. We had time. _____

Exercise 4: Write questions (5 points)

Use **Did** / **Was** / **Were**.

1. you / work / yesterday? _____
2. she / go / anywhere / last weekend? _____
3. he / be / at home / last night? _____
4. they / study / for the test? _____
5. you / be / tired / yesterday? _____