

# 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)

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

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_