

Past simple

In the positive form, we usually add “-ed” to the verb to indicate ‘the past simple’. In the negative form, we write ‘didn’t’ plus the verb. For questions, the construction is always ‘Did + subject + verb...’

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I played	I didn't play	Did I play...?
You played	You didn't play	Did you play...?
He/She/It played	He/She/It didn't play	Did he/she/it play...?
We played	We didn't play	Did we play...?
You played	You didn't play	Did you play...?
They played	They didn't play	Did they play...?

In some cases, we change some of the letters of the verbs to write the past simple form. Try > tried // cry > cried // fry > fried

In some cases, we add a consonant to create the past simple form of some verbs. Stop > stopped // plan > planned // travel > travelled

1. My family and I _____ (travel) to Valencia last summer.
2. Rick _____ (plan) a house party with his friends last Friday.
3. The boy _____ (cry) loudly because he was so upset.
4. I _____ (not try) to score a goal, it was too late for a comeback.
5. _____ you _____ (play) tennis yesterday afternoon?
6. Pacheta _____ (train) Granada CF for many months.
7. _____ you _____ (go) running last Sunday?
8. I _____ (download) a useful app yesterday.
9. My mother _____ (cook) a yummy lasagne last night.
10. My mother and I _____ (prepare) a chicken soup yesterday.
11. I _____ (love) playing football when I was 12 years old.
12. I _____ (play) Rocket League with my friends last month.
13. Rocio's parents _____ (buy) a new bike last weekend.
14. _____ they _____ (they / go) to the beach last month?
15. _____ she _____ (swim) in the sea in Almeria?
16. We _____ (not play) basketball yesterday as it was raining.

Learn about astronaut José Hernández – and fill in the gaps using the past simple form of the verbs in brackets

Becoming an Astronaut

When he was a child, José Hernández's parents ¹ ... (work) on farms in California for about six months a year, but they ² ... (not live) in the USA for the other half of the year. Their home was in Mexico. How ³ ... this ... (affect) José? He ⁴ ... (not speak) English well. However, in 1972, José ⁵ ... (see) the spaceship *Apollo 17* on television, and after that, he ⁶ ... (decide) to become an astronaut. What ⁷ ... he ... (do) to make this happen? First, he ⁸ ... (study) at university. Then, he ⁹ ... (send) letters to NASA, asking to join their space programme. Finally, after his 12th letter, José ¹⁰ ... (get) a job with NASA, and two years later, he ¹¹ ... (become) an astronaut.



José Hernández

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
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- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

There was / There were – Choose the correct answers

1. **There was / There were** a book on the librarian's table.
2. **There wasn't / There weren't** any waiters in the restaurant.
3. **There was / Was there** a tour guide on the trip?
4. **There was / There wasn't** any medicine in the doctor's cupboard.
5. **Were there / There were** many web designers in the 1980s?



Match the words in A to the definitions in B.

- | A | B |
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| 1. hungry | ... a. wanting to eat something |
| 2. wonderful | ... b. This person fixes cars. |
| 3. salesperson | ... c. very shy |
| 4. rich | ... d. wanting to drink something |
| 5. thirsty | ... e. This person helps sick people. |
| 6. mechanic | ... f. This person fixes computers. |
| 7. embarrassed | ... g. amazing |
| 8. IT technician | ... h. has got a lot of money |
| 9. waiter | ... i. This person can work in a department store. |
| 10. nurse | ... j. This person works in a restaurant. |

