

**GOAL** Describe past activities**1 GRAMMAR • The simple past tense**

I You He She We They	liked the movie.	I You He She We They	didn't like the concert.
Did I you he she we they	watch TV last night?	Yes, No,	I you he she we they
			did. didn't.

Form: regular verbs

Add -ed to the base form.  
If the base form ends in -e, add -d.

call → called like → liked

BUT: study → studied shop → shopped

**2 GRAMMAR PRACTICE** Complete the e-mail. Use the simple past tense and the past tense of *be*.

Hi, Lucille: Yesterday was very busy. In the morning, I ..... my teeth,  
 and ..... the whole house—all before 8:30. Then I ..... until noon. After lunch,  
 I ..... to the weather report. The weather ..... warm, so I ..... all my  
 grandchildren here. We ..... together for a while. Then little Marie ..... the piano  
 while her older brother Jason ..... in the garden. The other children ..... their  
 e-mail while I ..... Marie and Jason. At the end of the day, my daughters, Lisa and Eve, came  
 home, and they ..... dinner for all of us. The kids ..... pasta, of course. Eve  
 ..... a big pot of water for the noodles. Lisa ..... the tomatoes for the salad. The  
 children ..... after dinner, and then we ..... to Marie and Jason sing. Brian

**3 GRAMMAR • The simple past tense: information questions**

What **did** you **do** last weekend?  
 Where **did** you **go**?  
 When **did** he **get** home last night?  
 How many cups of coffee **did** she **drink**?  
 How often **did** you **take** a nap?  
 Who **did** they **see** yesterday?

BUT: The word order changes when **Who** is the subject:  
 Who **went** to the mall this morning? (We **did**.)

Irregular verbs (Also see page 125.)

buy → bought	eat → ate	read → read
come → came	get → got	say → said
cut → cut	go → went	see → saw
do → did	have → had	take → took
drink → drank	make → made	think → thought
drive → drove	put → put	write → wrote