



**Simple Past Tense**

It is used to express:

- An action which happened in the past.  
*e.g. I was at school yesterday.*
- Past routines and habits.  
*e.g. She usually walked the dog at night.*

**Structure****Affirmative form**

I You We They He She It	<p>worked in a bank. (regular verbs end in <b>d</b> or <b>ed</b>)*</p> <p>had a baby. (irregular verbs= 2<sup>nd</sup> col.)</p>
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\* How to add **d** or **ed**?

- the general rule is to add **ed** at the end of the verb  
*e.g. worked talked watched washed*
- If the verb ends in **e**, add **d**  
*e.g. lived loved*
- If the verb ends in a consonant + y, y changes into i and add **ed**  
*e.g. try tried cry cried study studied*
- If the verb ends in a vowel + y, add **ed**  
*e.g. play played stay stayed*
- If it is a one syllable verb which ends in consonant- vowel -consonant, we repeat the final consonant and add **ed**  
*e.g. stop stopped*

**Negative Form** (auxiliary verb= **Did**)

I You We They He She It	Did not	work in a bank.
	(didn't)	have a baby.

**Interrogative form**

- Yes /No Questions

Did	I You We They He She It	<p>work in a bank?</p> <p>have a baby?</p>
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Answers: *e.g. Yes, I did*  
*No, I didn't*

- W/h questions (Which begin with a question word)\*



Where	did	I You We They He She It	work?
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Answers: e.g. She **worked** in a bank.

#### Time expressions

Every day	At 8 o'clock	Last night	Yesterday morning
Every night	On Monday/Tuesday/...	Last year	Yesterday afternoon
Every year	In July/ September	Last month	Yesterday evening
Every month	At weekends	Yesterday	In 2000

#### **Activities**

Write the past form of the following verbs:

Work	
love	
Like	
Enjoy	
start	
Play	
Dance	
Use	
Watch	
Wash	
hate	
Study	
Cry	
want	

Buy	
Bring	
Have	
Go	
Sing	
Write	
Read	
Can	
Leave	
Think	
run	
speak	
understand	
do	

#### 1. a) Complete with the correct form of the REGULAR verb

- 1) I (clean) \_\_\_\_\_ my car on Monday
- 2) You (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ three miles on Tuesday.
- 3) I (dry) \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes after dinner.
- 4) We (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch on Wednesday.
- 5) They (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ when their team lost.
- 6) You (worry) \_\_\_\_\_ about the last test.
- 7) They (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ a show on Thursday.
- 8) He (film) \_\_\_\_\_ the movie on Friday.
- 9) She (play) \_\_\_\_\_ chess on Saturday.
- 10) He (miss) \_\_\_\_\_ me when I went on holidays.
- 11) The nurse (help) \_\_\_\_\_ the patient to stand up.
- 12) They (study) \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy.



b) Complete with the correct form of the IRREGULAR verb

- 1) I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ a new car yesterday.
- 2) You (break) \_\_\_\_\_ the branch you stepped on.
- 3) My dog (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ my food!
- 4) They (know) \_\_\_\_\_ each other years ago.
- 5) Jake (teach) \_\_\_\_\_ the class last week.
- 6) Mariel (give) \_\_\_\_\_ me her dress for the dance.
- 7) Suzanne and John (write) \_\_\_\_\_ to me last month.
- 8) Tyler (draw) \_\_\_\_\_ the picture; it looked beautiful.
- 9) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ on the street last night.
- 10) The box (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in the same place for a month.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb:

- Peter (live) ..... in Paris for three years.
- The manager (answer) ..... my phone calls this morning.
- He (realize) ..... that she was his old friend when he saw her.
- Joan (not dance) ..... rock when she was younger.
- I (not believe) ..... in God some years ago.
- The washing machine (not work) ..... yesterday morning.
- My parents (buy) ..... a red van last year.
- The boy (send) ..... the e-mails last week.
- ..... Susan (prepare) ..... dinner last night?
- When ..... they (decide) ..... to get married?

3. Answer the following questions:

- Did you go to the cinema last weekend?
- Did you watch TV today?



- Did you live in a flat some years ago?
- Did you like horror films when you were younger?
- Where did you go last weekend?
- What time did you usually get up at weekdays last year?
- What did you do last weekend?

4. Make the questions for these answers:

- .....

I usually got up at 9.00 a.m. every day last month.

- .....

Sarah had four friends at collage.

- .....

I travelled to Mexico in 1980.

- .....

The man went to the office yesterday.

- .....

Yes, I did. I ate pizza last Saturday.

5. What did you do yesterday? Write six sentences:





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