

Past simple of regular verbs.

Study the sentences and the words in blue. Which sentences refer to the **present** and which refer to the **past**?

- a) I live in New York **now**.
- b) We lived in London **in 2009**.
- c) Wayne plays football **every Friday**.
- d) Wayne didn't play football **last week**.

RULES

1. To form the past simple of regular verbs we add - to the verb.
2. We use didn't + verb in the form.

Write affirmative (+) sentences using the past simple. Are they true or false?

*Example: Neil Armstrong (discover) America. Neil Armstrong **discovered** America. False.*

1. Europeans Africa in the 18th century. (explore)
2. Tutankhamen in Egypt a longtime ago. (live)
3. The first astronauts space in 1981. (visit)
4. Columbus in South America about 500 years ago. (arrive)
5. People using horses for transport in the 19th century. (stop)
6. In 1700 people by plane. (travel)
7. Graham Bell the telephone. (invent)

Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of the verbs in brackets.

Columbus wanted (want) to find a new way to India.

In 1492, he (travel) across the Atlantic Ocean. He (arrive) in San Salvador in the Bahamas two months later. He (visit) a lot of islands and he (name) them the Indies. He (call) the native people Indians. It was a very beautiful place, but he (not discover) any gold there. Columbus (not stay) a longtime and he (arrive) back in Spain in March 1493. The King and Queen of Spain weren't happy because he (not discover) any gold or a new way to India. Columbus (not visit) North America, but he was the-first European to explore Central America.