

The Simple Past Tense

The use:

We use the past simple to talk about an event that **happened and finished** in the past or past **situations** and past **habits**.

The rule:

(They/ We/ You/ She/ He/ It/ I/singular noun/plural noun) + **v2** + com.

#	Spelling rule	Example/s
1	The regular verb we add (-d/-ed)	She visited her mother yesterday.
2	The irregular verb we change the form of it into (v2)	We ate lots of cake last week in the party.
3	Verbs that end in a consonant + Y , we remove the Y and add -ied .	I studied Arabic in 2006.
4	Verbs that end in a vowel + Y , we just add -ed .	He played football yesterday.
5	When a one-syllable verb ends in one vowel + consonant , double the consonant.	stop + p + ed = stopped rob = robbed beg = begged plan = planned

Negative: (neg.)

(They / We / You / I / She / He / It/ singular noun/plural noun) + **didn't** + **base verb** + com.

e.g.1) They **didn't play** football last month. e.g.2) She **didn't write** a letter yesterday.

Interrogative (question) {الاستفهام/السؤال}

1- Yes/No questions:

Did + (they/we/I/you /she/he/it/singular noun/plural noun) + **base verb** + com.?

Yes, (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it) **did**.

No, (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it) + **didn't**.

e.g. **Did** she **write** a letter yesterday?

Yes, she **did**.

No, she **didn't**.

2- Wh- Q: The answer by using a **sentence**.

-Wh- word + did+ (they/we/I/you/ she/he/it /singular noun/plural noun) + V (1)+ com.?

-They/We/I/You/ She/He/It /singular noun/plural noun + Y2.+com.

E.g: Q: When **did** you **go** to the park?

A: I **went** to the park yesterday.

***Note:** Some of you when they form a wh- question **did not delete** the item that they are asking about it. (the item/s that give us information we want ask about it).

Verbs to be in the past: (was/were)

(She/ He/It/ I) + **was** +com.

e.g. She **was** a student last summer.

(They/ We/ You) + **were** +com.

e.g. You **were** late yesterday.

Neg.

(She/ He/It/ I) + **wasn't** +com.
e.g. She **wasn't** a student last summer.

Neg.

(They/ We/ You) + **weren't** +com.
e.g. You **weren't** late yesterday.

Q.

Was+ (she/ he/it/ I)+ com.?

e.g.

- **She was** a student last summer.



- **Was she** a student last summer?

Yes, she **was**.

No, she **wasn't**.

Q.

Were + (they/ we/ you)+ com.?

e.g.

- **You were** late yesterday.



- **Were you** late yesterday?

Yes, I **was**.

No, I **wasn't**.

e.g: **Were they** famous actors in 2000?

Yes, they **were**.

No, they **weren't**.

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The key words:

last (month/year/week/winter...etc.)

in 2005 (any time in the past)

Yesterday

this morning

Number + (years/months/days...etc.) ago= four years ago

Examples:

- 1- Joy was a firefighter in 1999.
- 2- We were friends in the past.
- 3- I saw a movie yesterday.
- 4- Did you have dinner last night?
- 5- He didn't wash his car last Monday.
- 6- Akram went to the shop this morning.
- 7- Her father died last year.
- 8- I went to the theatre last night.
- 9- Muna was in Japan last year.
- 10- Sami had a headache yesterday.
- 11- Lana and Rami arrived in Syria six weeks ago.
- 12- Last year, Mohammad drank milk every morning.

*Exercise 1 : Write the correct form of the verb in the table:

#	Verb1	Verb 2
1	find	
2	cut	
3	walk	
4	enjoy	
5	cry	
6	say	
7	dream	
8	travel	
9	lie	
10	offer	

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb:

- 1- She to England on holiday last year. (go)
- 2- The weather very bad yesterday. (be)
- 3- I my friend in the mall last week. (meet)
- 4- The dog very fast (run)
- 5- They.... very bad words about him last month. For that, the principle them. (say/ punish)
- 6- My dad my mum's key by mistake yesterday. (take)
- 7- John to the USA three days ago. (travel)

Good luck
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