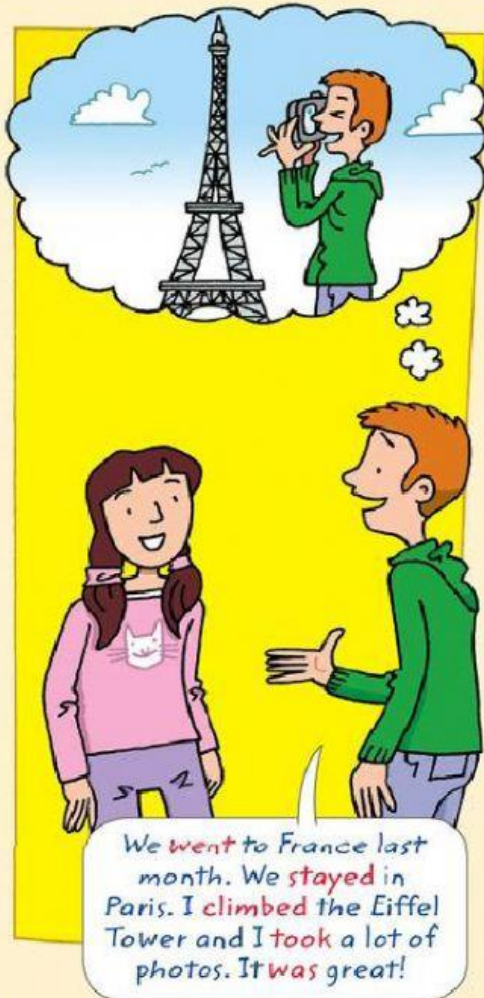


Regular verbs: affirmative and negative



We use the past simple to describe completed actions and situations in the past.

*It was 9 o'clock. John **opened** the door and **walked** to the bus stop. Last night I **finished** my homework and **watched** TV.*

← past opened walked now / the present future →

We often use the past simple with time words and expressions like *yesterday*, *last week* and *this morning* (see page 65).

For all verbs except **be**, the past simple form is the same for *I*, *you*, *he*, *she*, *it*, *we*, *you* and *they*.

Most regular verbs end in **-ed** – but not all of them!
Look at the table below for spelling rules.

	Affirmative	Negative
regular verbs	base form + ed watched played waited looked	didn't (= did not) + base form didn't watch didn't play didn't wait didn't look
verbs ending vowel + consonant + vowel	stop – stopped travel – travelled BUT snow – snowed	didn't stop didn't travel didn't snow
verbs ending -e	dance – danced like – liked	didn't dance didn't like
verbs ending consonant + -y	hurry – hurried carry – carried	didn't hurry didn't carry

*1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

► Jack and I played (play) badminton yesterday.

1 My sister _____ (cook) dinner last night.

2 I _____ (walk) to school this morning.

3 Josie _____ (carry) her mum's bags for her.

4 Jo and Sam _____ (help) the teacher yesterday afternoon.

5 We _____ (tidy) our rooms yesterday.

6 I _____ (like) the film last night.

7 My dad _____ (stop) the car and _____ (look) at the map.

8 We _____ (stay) with our grandparents last week.

Irregular verbs: affirmative and negative

Many verbs have irregular past simple forms.

Base form	Affirmative	Negative
come	came	didn't come
do	did	didn't do
get	got	didn't get
go	went	didn't go
have	had	didn't have
make	made	didn't make
say	said	didn't say
see	saw	didn't see
take	took	didn't take

* 8 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

► Katie has breakfast at 7.30.

Katie had breakfast at 7.30.

1 I go swimming with my brother.

2 Mum makes nice cakes.

3 We get a lot of homework.

4 They come to school by bus.

5 We take the dog to the shops.

6 Dad says 'no'.

7 I do my homework in the kitchen.

8 Jessica sees us from her window.

Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

go catch find ~~give~~ know put
write drink eat sing not have

- It was my birthday yesterday.
My uncle gave me £20.
- 1 Where's my book? I _____
it on the table, but now it isn't there!
 - 2 We were on holiday last week.
I _____ six postcards.
 - 3 This dog hasn't got a home.
We _____ it in the street.
 - 4 The test was easy. I _____
all the answers!
 - 5 I didn't walk to school this morning.
I _____ the bus.
 - 6 She was very hungry. She _____
five sandwiches and two biscuits!
 - 7 It was a fantastic concert. The band
played for three hours and _____
all my favourite songs.
 - 8 The children were thirsty and they
_____ lots of lemonade.
 - 9 She _____ time to eat breakfast
this morning, so she was very hungry
by lunch time.
 - 10 We didn't go to Spain on holiday this
year. We _____ to Turkey.