

Simple past of irregular verbs: affirmative and negative

1 ★ Complete the table with the correct form of the verbs.

Base form	Simple past
do	1 <i>did</i>
2	took
decide	3
4	left
stay	5
6	worked
go	7
8	finished

2 ★ Write the base forms in exercise 1 in the correct group.

Regular: *decide*

Irregular: *do*

3 ★★ Complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Women who changed the world

When Florence Nightingale 1 was (be) 31, she 2 go (go) to Germany to learn to be a nurse. In 1853, war 3 begin (begin) in Crimea and in 1854 she 4 go (go) to Turkey to help people there. She 5 see (see) that many of the people in the beds 6 be (be) unwashed, hungry and cold. She 7 work (work) hard to change this and saved many lives. She often 8 spend (spend) the night making sure everyone was comfortable. When she 9 come (come) back to England, she 10 begin (begin) the first school for nurses.

4 ★★ Correct the sentences using the information in parentheses.

1 Amelia Earhart was the second woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. (**first woman**) *She wasn't the second woman. She was the first.*

2 William Shakespeare was perhaps the greatest English writer. He wrote 15 plays. (**37 plays**)

3 Nelson Mandela came from the USA. He was the first black president of that country. (**South Africa**)

4 Margaret Bourke-White was a famous photographer and journalist. She took photos of Elvis Presley. (**Gandhi**)

5 ★★ Complete the email with the simple past form of the verbs in the box.

not do go finish have meet
play wake up watch not win

Madi To: Rosie

Hi Rosie,

I 1 had a great weekend. I 2 anything very different. I 3 a volleyball game on Saturday morning but we 4 the game. I 5 my friends in the afternoon and we 6 shopping in the new department store. On Sunday, I 7 very early and I 8 doing my homework. In the afternoon, I 9 a TV series. That's all, really. What did you do last weekend? Where did you go?

Madi

6 ★★ Answer the questions at the end of Madi's email in exercise 5 for you.
