

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

REGULAR VERBS

The past tense of regular verbs, add **-d** or **-ed** ending. Examples:

play, play**ed**
 watch, watch**ed**
 arrive, arriv**ed**
 live, liv**ed**

IRREGULAR VERBS

The past tense of irregular verbs have special tense forms. **They do not end in -d or -ed.**

You will need to memorize these special forms. Examples:

come, came
 drive, drove
 see, saw

Irregular verbs:

I **had** English clases yesterday.

I **didn't** have English classes yesterday.

Did you have English classes yesterday?

We ONLY use the simple past form in affirmative sentences.

John **bought** a brand new car last week.

He **didn't** buy a brand new car last week.

Did he buy a brand new car last week?

In negative and interrogative sentences, after the auxiliary DID we use the verbs in the infinitive form.

Affirmative form:

| | | |
|------|------------|---------|
| I | | |
| You | | |
| He | | |
| She | ate | dinner. |
| It | | |
| We | | |
| They | | |

Negative form:

| | | | |
|------|---------------|------------|---------|
| I | | | |
| You | | | |
| He | | | |
| She | didn't | <u>eat</u> | dinner. |
| It | | | |
| We | | | |
| They | | | |

didn't = did not

Interrogative form:

| | | | |
|------------|------|------------|---------|
| | I | | |
| | you | | |
| | he | | |
| Did | she | <u>eat</u> | dinner? |
| | it | | |
| | we | | |
| | they | | |

Yes,

No,

| | | | |
|------|-------------|------|----------------|
| I | | I | |
| you | | you | |
| he | | he | |
| she | did. | she | didn't. |
| it | | it | |
| we | | we | |
| they | | they | |