

Past Simple

a. Write the past tense of these **regular verbs**.

Base form	Past Simple	Base form	Past Simple
learn	learned	decide	decided
love	loved	want	wanted
clap	clapped	like	liked
listen	listened	show	showed
plan	planned	look	looked
study	studied	stop	stopped
happen	happened	carry	carried
enjoy	enjoyed	drag	dragged
drop	dropped	start	started
follow	followed	prefer	preferred
like	liked	mix	mixed
admit	admitted	watch	watched

b. Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs in parenthesis.

1. The Wright brothers _____ a flying toy from their father. (*receive*)
2. They _____ with kites. (*play*)
3. They _____ about flying. (*dream*)
4. They _____ everything they could about flying. (*study*)
5. They _____ a bicycle business. (*start*)
6. They _____ the bicycle shop to design airplanes. (*use*)
7. They _____ to fly their first plane in 1899. (*try*)
8. Their _____ first plane. (*crash*)
9. They _____ it. (*fix*)
10. In 1903, their plane _____ in the air for 12 seconds. (*stay*)
11. They _____ their invention to the U.S. government. (*offer*)
12. The government _____ to offer them a contract. (*decide*)
13. Wilburg Wright _____ in 1912. (*die*)
14. Orville Wright _____ for many more years. (*live*)
15. Their invention _____ the world. (*change*)

c. Fill in the blanks with the negative form of the underlined words.

1. Goddard **believed** in space flight. Other people _____ in space flight at that time.
2. The Wright brothers **dreamed** about flying. They _____ about rockets.
3. They **sold** bicycles. They _____ cars.
4. Their 1903 airplane **had** a pilot. Their first airplane _____ a pilot.
5. The Wright brothers **wanted** to show their airplane to the U.S. government. The government _____ to see it at first.
6. The Wright brothers **built** the first airplane. They _____ the first rocket.
7. Goddard **thought** his ideas were important. His colleagues _____ his ideas were important.
8. He **wanted** to build rockets. He _____ to build airplanes.
9. In 1920, a newspaper **wrote** that he was foolish. The newspaper _____ about the possibility of rocket travel.
10. In 1926 his rocket **flew**. Before that time, his rockets _____.
11. The first rocket **stayed** in the air for 2½ seconds. It _____ in the air for a long time.
12. Goddard **saw** his rockets fly. He _____ rockets go to the moon.
13. In 1957, the Russians **put** the first man in space. The Americans _____ the first man in space.
14. In 1969, the first Americans **walked** on the moon. Russians _____ on the moon.
15. A rocket **went** to the moon in 1969. A rocket _____ to the moon during Goddard's lifetime.

d. Write questions in Simple Past Tense.

1. He / phone / a friend an hour ago.

2. My father / buy / a jeep last week.

3. The girls / wear / skirts to the party.

4. I / wash / my hair last night.

5. Jane / send / four e-mails to Lisa.

6. The film / end / very late last week.

7. They / go / to bed at midnight.

8. She / have / lunch in an Italian restaurant.

e. Make the past simple: affirmative, negative or question.

1. I _____ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She _____ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. What time _____ (he / get up) yesterday?
4. Where _____ (you / get off) the train?
5. I _____ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
6. We _____ (wake up) very late.
7. What _____ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
8. I _____ (receive) £300 when my uncle _____ (die).
9. We _____ (not / use) the computer last night.
10. _____ (she / make) good coffee?
11. They _____ (live) in Paris.
12. She _____ (read) the newspaper yesterday.
13. I _____ (not / watch) TV.
14. He _____ (not / study) for the exam.
15. _____ (he / call) you?
16. _____ (I / forget) something?
17. What time _____ (the film / start)?
18. He _____ (have) a shower.
19. Why _____ (you / come)?
20. _____ (he / go) to the party?

f. Listen and choose the verb that has a different -ed sound.

1. walked asked rented
2. argued wanted stayed
3. booked started decided
4. arrived invited sunbathed