

Past Simple

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

Base form	Past Simple	Base form	Past Simple
learn	_____	decide	_____
love	_____	want	_____
clap	_____	like	_____
listen	_____	show	_____
plan	_____	look	_____
study	_____	stop	_____
happen	_____	carry	_____
enjoy	_____	drag	_____
drop	_____	start	_____
follow	_____	prefer	_____
like	_____	mix	_____
admit	_____	watch	_____

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