

Past Simple

Simple Past Tense indicates an action which is completed at a definite time in the past.

POSITIVE (+)	NEGATIVE (-)	QUESTION (?)
I started	I did not (didn't) start	Did I start
You started	You did not (didn't) start	Did you start
He started	He did not (didn't) start	Did he start
She started	She did not (didn't) start	Did she start
It started	It did not (didn't) start	Did it start
We started	We did not (didn't) start	Did we start
You started	You did not (didn't) start	Did you start
They started	They did not (didn't) start	Did they start

We add **-ED** at the end

We add **DIDN'T** before the verb

We add **DID** before the subject and verb

For IRREGULAR VERBS you must learn the list of irregular verbs with their past. EACH IS DIFFERENT!

Examples:

- He **drew** beautiful pictures last week.
- You **gave** the present to your friend.
- We **bought** a new car.
- He **did not (didn't) draw** beautiful pictures last week.
- **Did I learn** Spanish last summer?
- **Did you give** the present to your friend?
- **Did we buy** a new car?

Let's practice!

Put these *regular verbs* in the past simple

1. I _____ (visit) my grandma last weekend.
2. You _____ (play) golf last Saturday.
3. She _____ (cook) dinner for her family last night.
4. They _____ (travel) to Dubai last spring.
5. Simon _____ (not play) Monopoly with his sister yesterday.
6. We _____ (not visit) the Taj Majal when we went to India.
7. I _____ (not answer) the last two questions in the exam.
8. They _____ (not like) the food in the restaurant.
9. Samantha _____ (apologize) for breaking her friend's bicycle.
10. _____ you _____ (close) all the windows in the house?
11. They _____ (play) football every day after school when they were little.
12. Karim Benzema _____ (score) a beautiful goal in the match yesterday and he _____ (sign) my shirt after the match, but another player _____ (not want) to sign it.
13. Amazon finally _____ (deliver) my package this morning. I'm unhappy! It _____ (not arrive) on time.
14. Last weekend we _____ (celebrate) my mother's birthday. She's sixty-nine years old.
15. _____ he _____ (water) the plants before leaving on holiday?

Now let's practice putting the *irregular* verbs in the past simple

1. My dad _____ (write) a book about his travels.
2. I _____ (sleep) during the entire film.
3. My sister and I _____ (fight) over the remote control for 15 minutes.
4. _____ you _____ (forget) your friend's birthday again?
5. They _____ (lose) their keys somewhere in the house.
6. My parents _____ (not buy) a new television.
7. My brother _____ (not lend) me money to buy an ice cream.
8. _____ she _____ (win) her badminton match?
9. I _____ (read) a fantastic magazine on Tuesday.
10. She _____ (not read) the newspaper this morning.
11. _____ they _____ (buy) a toy for their nephew?
12. Robin _____ (fly) in an airplane for the first time last month.
13. My brother _____ (wear) the same clothes to school three days in a row.
14. My favourite singer _____ (sing) at the concert on Friday. It _____ (be) amazing!
15. Who _____ (let) the dogs out?

Now, let's mix them up a little! (*regular* and *irregular*)

1. He _____ (not swim) in the ocean this morning. The water _____ (be) too cold.
2. My sister _____ (lose) her keys this morning so couldn't open the door after school.
3. My mum's car _____ (not start) this morning so she _____ (take) it to the mechanic.
4. David _____ (not train) very well, but he _____ (run) in the Madrid marathon.
5. Where _____ you _____ (go) on holidays last summer?
6. _____ your parents _____ (live) in Algeria?
7. His best friend _____ (move) to Switzerland last month.
8. _____ you _____ (go) to the cinema last Friday with Ben? Yes, I _____ (do). We _____ (see) the new Batman film.
9. I _____ (go) with my cousin to the cinema last night. I _____ (want) to see Top Gun, but she _____ (not want) to see it because she already _____ (see) it last week.
10. I _____ (travel) to New York City with my parents last month. It _____ (be) fantastic! We _____ (visit) the MET museum but we _____ (not have) time to visit the Guggenheim museum.

11. Who _____ (throw) this wrapper on the floor? It _____ (not be) me, I think Sally _____ (drop) it earlier.
12. My teacher _____ (give) us lots of homework for next week. I _____ (finish) two pages already but I _____ (not do) the last three.
13. My mum _____ (send) me to the supermarket today. I _____ (buy) flour and milk, but I _____ (not find) any sugar and I _____ (forget) to buy some eggs.
14. My neighbour _____ (cut) the grass in his garden this morning, but he _____ (not take out) the rubbish.
15. I _____ (not watch) the second Harry Potter film, but I _____ (finish) reading the second book three days ago.