PAST SIMPLE TENSE

AFFIRMATIVE

We form the past simple of regular verbs adding the suffix **–ed** to the **base form**.
wait-waited ask-asked
Irregular verbs don´t follow this rule as they have a special form for the past simple:
buy- bought drink-drank

NEGATIVE

We form the negative of the past simple using **didn't** before the **base form** of the verb. This rule is for both regular and irregular verbs.
didn't wait didn't ask
didn't buy didn't drink
didn't listen didn't see

INTERROGATIVE

We form the interrogative of the past simple using **did+subject+ the base form of the verb**. This rule is for both regular and irregular verbs.
Did you wait … ? Did you ask …?
Did you buy …? Did you drink…?
Did you listen…? Did you see…?

SPELLING

Most regular verbs add –ed (ask-asked).
Those **ending in "e" only add –d.** (live-lived)
Verbs ending in **consonant+y change "y" into "i" and add "ed".** (study-studied)
One syllable verbs ending in one consonant preceded by one vowel **double** the final consonant.
stop-sto**pp**ed
plan-pla**nn**ed

USE

The past simple is used to talk about **finished actions** in the **past**.
I lived in Rome for 3 years.
It is also used to talk about actions that happened one after another.
He arrived home, turned on the TV and sat down.

TIME EXPRESSIONS

YESTERDAY
LAST WEEK / MONTH / YEAR
ON MONDAY / TUESDAY …
ONE DAY / WEEK / MONTH / YEAR AGO
AT 10 O´CLOCK
THE OTHER DAY / IN 2007
I saw Peter two days ago.
They finished the book last week.
The got married in 2002.

Complete the sentences using a suitable verb from the list in the Present Simple to describe what these people do.

DRY LISTEN MEET FALL GO MAKE
CRY HAVE STAY BUY SPEND LAUGH
BE FINISH RECEIVE GET PICK TAKE

1. Bob _____ tired of building sand castles at the beach.
2. Linda _____ a river when she lost her favourite doll.
3. Jim _____ to his violin lesson one hour ago.
4. Yesterday Henry _____ reading a very exciting book.
5. Frank _____ the whole afternoon playing with his new toy plane.
6. Martin _____ at school after classes because his teacher had punished him for not doing his homework.
7. It _____ Alfred a long time to solve the problem.
8. Last weekend Tina _____ up some mushrooms.
9. Lisa's dog _____ to her instructions carefully.
10. Two days ago Mark _____ an accident with his bike.
11. John and Brenda _____in the street when they were going to school.
12. Paul and Tom _____ at a joke his friend Larry had told them.
13. Alice _____ in love with one of her school mates at the disco last weekend.
14. Sarah _____ very disappointed when she failed the exam.
15. Yesterday Maggie went shopping and _____ a lot of things.
16. Danny _____ his hair after having a bath.
17. My mother _____ some nice biscuits yesterday.
18. MY sister _____ a call telling her she had won a very important prize.

LIVEWORKSHEETS