

2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a Write the past simple form of these verbs. Are they regular or irregular? Check in Stuart's story.

go	_____	get	_____
climb	_____	want	_____
be	_____ /	think	_____
	_____	decide	_____
take	_____	say	_____
have	_____	spend	_____
can	_____	start	_____
sit	_____	feel	_____

b Complete the negative verbs. Then check in Stuart's story.

- 1 It _____ really a climb, but it was a long walk.
- 2 I wanted to take another photo, but I _____ find my phone.
- 3 I _____ want to leave my phone up there.

c How do you make **-** and **?** in the past simple...?

- with was / were
- with could
- with other verbs

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regular	irregular	2.2
+ We stayed at a hotel last summer.	I went to Turkey twice last year.	
- He didn't stay with friends.	She didn't go to France.	
? Did you stay for the weekend?	Did you go to Madrid?	
✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, I did .	No, we didn't .	
Wh <input type="checkbox"/> Where did you stay ?	Why did you go ?	

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple of regular verbs add -ed. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in past simple, e.g. go → **went**, see → **saw**. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

- We use **didn't + infinitive** for negatives and **Did... + subject + infinitive** for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QuASI** to remember word order in questions. See **1A** p.126.

spelling rules for regular verbs

infinitive	past	spelling
work	worked	add -ed
stay	stayed	
like	liked	add d if verb finishes in e
study	studied	y → ied after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant

2A

a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we had (have) a holiday in Scotland.

We ¹drive (drive) there from London, but our car ²break (break) down on the motorway and we ³spend (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we ⁴get (get) to Edinburgh we ⁵go (go) to our hotel, but they ⁶not can (not can) find our reservation, and they ⁷be (be) full. We ⁸not know (not know) what to do, but in the end we ⁹find (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we ¹⁰stay (stay) there for the week. We ¹¹see (see) the castle and ¹²buy (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³want (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we ¹⁴not have (not have) much time and it ¹⁵be (be) quite far away. The weather ¹⁶not be (not be) very good – it ¹⁷start (start) raining on the day we ¹⁸leave (leave) London, and it never ¹⁹stop (stop)!

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?

We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?

I went with my family.

3 _____?

We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane tickets
_____?

They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?

We usually went out for dinner.

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