Past simple: irregular verbs



Language focus

Irregular verbs in the past simple do not end in **ed**.

*Alison **came** home by train.*

The past simple of **come** is **came** not **comed**. Irregular verbs in the past simple have forms that you have to learn, but the forms are the same for every person: **I**, **you**, **he**, **she**, **we**, **they**.

1 **Put the verbs in 1–9 into the past simple.**

1 wake up woke up
2 give _____
3 feel _____
4 have _____
5 go _____
6 eat _____
7 say _____
8 write _____
9 see _____

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2 **Complete the blog with the past simple form of the verbs from Activity 1. Use each verb only once.**

Joan's Health Blog

I (1) woke up early. I was very excited. I (2) _____ to the hospital on the bus. The hospital? Yes, that's right! I was OK, but it was a very special day for me. I want to be a doctor like Olivia's dad. Dr Mathews (3) _____, 'Come to the hospital for a day, Joan.' It was brilliant! I (4) _____ nervous, but Dr Mathews was great. He (5) _____ me a tour of the wards. I (6) _____ the special machines and met the nurses. They worked really hard. At lunchtime, I (7) _____ my sandwiches in the canteen with all the doctors. I asked the doctors lots of questions! I (8) _____ a great time! When I got home I (9) _____ an email to Dr Mathews to say thank you!



3 **There are eight mistakes with past simple verbs in the text. The first one is given. Can you find the other seven?**

Last week is a difficult week. Everyone was sick. Vicky had toothache, Martin had a cold and I have a terrible cough. I wake up with it on Monday morning. 'Oh no,' I say to Mum and Dad. 'I've got another cough.' I go to the doctor and he give me some special medicine. Vicky and Martin had pills to take too. We are all OK by the end of the week, but Mum and Dad feel very tired.

1 was
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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