

7B past simple: regular verbs

1 I **booked** the flights yesterday.

We **arrived** at the airport at 10.00 this morning.

2 When I was young I **watched** TV every night.

I **worked** as a waiter every weekend when I was at university.



• We use the past simple for:

1 finished actions that happened once in the past.

2 finished actions that happened more than once in the past.

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I / You / He / She / It / We / They	worked yesterday.	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	didn't work yesterday.

?			✓			✗		
Did	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	work yesterday?	Yes,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	did.	No,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	didn't.

- **Contraction:** *didn't* = *did not*.
- Regular verbs in the past \oplus end in *-ed*, e.g. *worked, lived, played*.
- The past simple is the same for all persons (*I, you, she*, etc.).
- We use *did* / *didn't* + infinitive for past simple \oplus and \ominus . *Did* is the past of *do*.

infinitive	past	spelling
watch	watch ed	add -ed
play	play ed	
arrive	arriv ed	add -d
study	stud ied	consonant + y: y -ied
stop	stop ped	one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + -ed

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a Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

present simple

We watch TV.

past simple

We watched TV yesterday evening.

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| 1 I study English. | _____ at school. |
| 2 Do you listen to the news? | _____ yesterday? |
| 3 He doesn't cook. | _____ last night. |
| 4 Does she play sport? | _____ at university? |
| 5 They work late. | _____ last week. |
| 6 She travels a lot. | _____ in 2018. |
| 7 Jack works in New York. | _____ five years ago. |
| 8 I call my parents every day. | _____ yesterday. |
| 9 We don't live in France. | _____ ten years ago. |
| 10 Anna asks a lot of questions. | _____ at the meeting. |

b Complete the sentences with a verb in the past simple.

book not call cry dance finish
not listen play

We finished work late yesterday.

- I _____ my mother on her birthday.
- The film was very sad. _____ you _____?
- My brother _____ video games all day yesterday.
- I _____ to the news this morning.
- _____ Sarah _____ with Martin at the party?
- We _____ our hotel rooms online.

- d Stand up and move around the class. Ask *Did you...?* questions about yesterday with the verb phrases below. When somebody answers *Yes, I did.*, write their name.

YESTERDAY

Find a person who...

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|-------|---------------------------------|
| _____ | watched football on TV |
| _____ | called a taxi |
| _____ | studied for an exam |
| _____ | cooked dinner |
| _____ | arrived at work / school late |
| _____ | listened to the radio |
| _____ | started a new book |
| _____ | worked / studied until late |
| _____ | played a computer or video game |

Did you watch football on TV yesterday?)

(No, I didn't. Did you call a taxi...?