

PAST WITH IRREGULAR VERBS – GRAMMAR

7C past simple: irregular verbs

I **went** to Iceland in December. I **didn't go** to New York.  7.15
Did you **go** to a party? Who **did** you **go** with?

infinitive	past 	past 
buy	bought	didn't buy
come	came	didn't come
feel	felt	didn't feel
find	found	didn't find
get	got	didn't get
go	went	didn't go
have	had	didn't have
know	knew	didn't know
put on	put on	didn't put on
say	said	didn't say
take	took	didn't take
think	thought	didn't think
wear	wore	didn't wear

- Some verbs are irregular in the past  and change their form, e.g. *go* → *went*, *have* → *had*.
- We only use the irregular past form in  sentences.
I bought a bag last night.
- We use the infinitive after *did* / *didn't*.
Did you **go** out last night? **NOT** ~~Did you went...?~~
- Remember word order in questions: **ASI** (Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive), e.g. *Did you go shopping yesterday?*
QuASI (Question word, Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive), e.g. *Where did you go?*

Look at the list of irregular verbs on p.165.

can / could

The past simple of *can* is *could*. We add *not* to make negatives and reverse the subject and verb to make questions.

 We **could** see the whole city from the plane.

 I **couldn't** see him. **NOT** ~~I didn't can see him.~~

 Could you wear jeans when you were at school?

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a Correct the information using the word in brackets.

She put on a coat. (jacket)

She didn't put on a coat. She put on a jacket.

1 She wore a red dress. (blue)

2 I came home early. (late)

3 We went by train. (bus)

4 He said hello. (goodbye)

5 You had a sandwich. (salad)

6 He knew her surname. (first name)

b Complete the text with the verbs in brackets in the past simple. All the verbs are irregular.

Last New Year's Eve I went (go) to London with some friends.

We ¹ had (have) dinner at a Chinese restaurant, and at 10.00 p.m. we ² took (take) a taxi to Trafalgar Square. We ³ were (be) there for an hour, and then we ⁴ went (go) to the river. We ⁵ could (can) see the fireworks very well, and we ⁶ had (have) a great time. We ⁷ got (get) home at 4.00 a.m. We ⁸ felt (feel) tired, but we ⁹ were (be) very happy!

c Complete the questions in the past simple.

A Did you go out last night?

B No, I stayed at home.

1 A What happened yesterday?

B I wore jeans.

2 A Where did she buy her shoes?

B She bought them in Paris.

3 A What time did you get home?

B We got home late.

← p.58