

SIMPLE PAST (IRREGULAR VERBS)

Explanation: Simple Past (Irregular Verbs)

The **simple past** is used to talk about actions that **started and finished in the past**.

Unlike regular verbs (which add **-ed**), **irregular verbs** have special past forms that we must memorize (e.g., *go* → *went*, *have* → *had*).

Formulas

- **Affirmative:** Subject + irregular verb (past) + complement
 - Example: *She went to the park.*
- **Negative:** Subject + did not (didn't) + base form of the verb + complement
 - Example: *She did not go to the park.* / *She didn't go to the park.*
- **Question:** Did + subject + base form of the verb + complement +?
 - Example: *Did she go to the park?*

Let's Put It into Practice!

1. Conjugation Practice (Irregular Verbs)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

For example:

Meet

- + John met his wife in 2020.
- John didn't meet his wife in 2024.
- ? Did John meet his wife in 2015?

a) Go

Mary _____ to London two years ago.

Mary _____ to Paris.

_____ Mary _____ to New York?

b) Eat

They _____ pizza yesterday.

They _____ pasta.

_____ they _____ salad?

c) See

He _____ a movie last night.

He _____ a play last night

_____ he _____ a concert last night?

d) Have

I _____ a bicycle when I was a kid

I _____ a car.

_____ I _____ motorcycle?

e) Buy

We _____ a new computer last month.

We _____ a phone.

_____ we _____ a house?

2. Transform Sentences (Affirmative → Negative)

Rewrite the sentences in the negative form.

For example: She saw her friend → She didn't see her friend.

- a) She went to the park. → _____
- b) They ate pizza yesterday. → _____
- c) He saw a movie. → _____
- d) I bought new shoes. → _____
- e) We had an exam. → _____
- f) She made a cake. → _____
- g) You took the bus. → _____
- h) He drank orange juice. → _____
- i) They came to class late. → _____
- j) I found a wallet. → _____

3. Sentence Reordering (Simple Past – Irregular Verbs)

Put the words in the correct order.

For example: Her / she / saw / friend → She saw her friend.

- a) yesterday / went / park / the / to / they →

- b) see / movie / I / a / last night / didn't →

c) did / where / go / you / yesterday / ? →

d) she / breakfast / ate / morning / this →

e) come / didn't / party / the / he / to →

f) wrote / letter / my / friend / a →

g) did / what / buy / you / ? →

h) last / saw / we / week / museum / the →

i) drive / car / his / father / did / the / ? →

j) gave / gift / me / she / a →

4. Error Correction

Each sentence has a mistake in its verb. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

For example: She see her friend yesterday. → She saw her friend yesterday.

a) She buyed a new dress yesterday. →

b) They didn't went to the park. →

c) Did he writed a letter? →

d) I didn't saw that movie. →

e) We eat pizza yesterday. →

f) He didn't goed to school. →

g) They runned very fast. →

h) Did she drinked coffee? →

i) I not spoke yesterday. →

j) He not took the bus last week. →

Short Answers with Did

When someone asks you a Yes/No question in the **simple past** with *did*, you usually answer with a short answer.

Examples:

- Did you go to the park yesterday? → Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
- Did she eat pizza last night? → Yes, she did. / No, she didn't.

REMEMBER: Don't just say "Yes" or "No." Use *did/didn't*!

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5. Closed Questions (Short Answers)

Answer with **Yes, I did / No, I didn't / Yes, she did / No, she didn't**, etc.

For example: Did you see a movie last night? → Yes, I did.

- a) Did you go to school yesterday? → _____
- b) Did she eat breakfast this morning? → _____
- c) Did they have fun at the party? → _____
- d) Did he buy a new phone? → _____
- e) Did we meet our friends last weekend? → _____

Open Answers with Did

When you answer open questions in the **simple past**, try to give complete answers (not just "yes" or "no"). Use the subject + past verb (irregular form) + more details.

Examples:

- **Q:** What did you eat for lunch yesterday?
A: I ate pasta for lunch yesterday.

REMEMBER: Use the past form of the verb (ate, went, had, etc.).

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6. Open Questions with Answer Starters

Answer in complete sentences. Use the first word(s) as your guide.

For example: What did you do after school? → *After school, I* did my homework.

a) What did you eat for breakfast?

→ *For breakfast, I* _____

b) Where did you go last weekend?

→ *Last weekend, I* _____

c) What did your best friend have for lunch?

→ *My best friend* _____

d) Who did you see last night?

→ *Last night, I* _____

e) What did you buy at the store?

→ *I* _____

f) What time did you get up yesterday?

→ *Yesterday, I* _____

g) What did your father/mother drink yesterday?

→ *My father/mother* _____

h) What did you and your friends do after class?

→ *After class, we* _____

i) What game did you play last weekend?

→ *Last weekend, I* _____

j) What did your teacher say in class?

→ *My teacher* _____