

GRAMMAR

Past simple +

- 1 Look at the examples. Choose the correct words to complete sentences 1, 2 and 3.

After that, I **started** work.

I **worked** at the ticket office.

After lunch, the safari park **opened** for visitors.

We **liked** the giraffes best.

You all **helped** a lot today.

The monkeys **played** a noisy game.

- 1 We add *-ing* / *-ed* to the verb to make the past simple.
- 2 The verb ending for the past simple is *the same* / *not the same* for *I, you, he, she, it, we* and *they*.
- 3 We use the past simple to talk about actions at a point of time in the *past* / *present*.

UNIT 20

PAST SIMPLE

positive +

verb + *-ed*

I / You / He / She / It /
We / They **worked**.

negative -

didn't + verb

I / You / He / She / It / We /
They **didn't** (**did not**) work.

*Richard **lived** in Italy until 2013.*

*Becky **worked** in a hospital.*

*We **didn't** want to go out because it was raining.*

*I **didn't** walk to school yesterday.*

Practice

- 1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

answer invite live travel
walk want work

- 0 I travelled to Brazil last year on holiday.
- 1 Gina _____ in Spain with her mum and dad when she was a child.
- 2 We _____ to school this morning.
- 3 My father _____ in a bank when he was younger.
- 4 My sister _____ to play the guitar and sing at the party last night.
- 5 I _____ that email from my friend this morning.
- 6 They _____ Luigi to the party, but he can't come.

2 Look at Alessandro's text on the web page. Find the past simple of the verbs.

3 Now put the verbs into the correct columns in the table.

ask	_____	carry	_____
clean	_____	close	_____
enjoy	_____	finish	_____
help	_____	like	_____
need	_____	open	_____
phone	_____	play	_____
show	_____	start	_____
wait	_____	walk	_____
want	_____	watch	_____
work	_____		

It was the beginning of the school holidays and I was bored! Then my mum's friend Jess phoned. She has a small safari park, and she needed some help for a day. At 7 am the next day, Jess walked with me around the safari park and showed me all the different animals. I liked the giraffes best with their amazing dark blue tongues. After that, I started work.

First, I carried food to the different animal houses. I waited outside and watched the workers feed the animals. The tigers and the bears were very hungry and finished all their food quickly. The monkeys played a noisy game with their food. They weren't hungry! Next, I cleaned some of the animal houses. I even cleaned the snake house!

After lunch, the safari park opened for visitors. I worked at the ticket office – I took money from the visitors and gave them information about the safari park. Most people wanted to know the crocodile feeding time because that's fun to watch. The safari park closed at 5 pm. I really enjoyed my day and Jess asked me to go back and help the next day. In the end, I helped in the safari park for two weeks and it was fantastic.

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4 Complete the sentences with one of the verbs from Exercise 2.

- 1 Last summer, I _____ with my dad in his shop.
- 2 She _____ with toy animals when she was a child.
- 3 I _____ to school with my friends yesterday morning.
- 4 They _____ their homework and then they _____ some TV.
- 5 My brother _____ one of my bags of shopping for me.
- 6 Our teacher _____ the window because it was hot in the room.
- 7 We _____ a long time for the bus. It was very late!
- 8 I _____ to go shopping because there wasn't any bread in the house.

6 Work with a partner. Talk about last weekend using the verbs in box A and the time phrases in box B.

Box A

carry	clean	cook	dance
enjoy	kick	like	listen
paint	play	practise	study
travel	visit	walk	wash

Box B

On Saturday morning, ...
 On Sunday evening, ... Last weekend, ...
 Last Saturday morning, / Last Sunday afternoon, ...

On Saturday, I watched a film with my friend. I liked it a lot.

PRONUNCIATION | Extra syllable

5 Listen and repeat the verbs. Which ones have an extra syllable when we add -ed? Complete the table.

carry	like	need	paint
start	show	talk	visit
wait	want	wash	

extra syllable	no extra syllable
<i>need - needed</i>	<i>carry - carried</i>

What do you notice about the verbs with an extra syllable when we add -ed?

Extra syllable	No extra syllable
<i>need - needed</i>	<i>carry - carried</i>