

GRAMMAR

Past simple: irregular verbs

1 Read the sentences from Callum and Lottie's conversation and look at the **irregular past simple forms**. What verbs do they come from?

- 1 My friend Annabel **came** with us. *come*
- 2 We **swam** in the sea every day.
- 3 We **lay** on the beach.
- 4 We **did** lots of water sports.
- 5 We **rode** our bikes.
- 6 We **got up** late every day.
- 7 We **had** a really good time.
- 8 My parents **gave** me a new phone.
- 9 I **took** hundreds of photos.
- 10 I **went** to Istanbul, in Turkey.
- 11 I **saw** some interesting places.
- 12 I **bought** you a present.
- 13 I only **ate** one sweet.
- 14 We **could** walk to the beach in five minutes.

2 Close your book and listen. You will hear the irregular past tense. Say the verb it comes from.

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| 1 _____ | 2 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 6 _____ |
| 7 _____ | 8 _____ |
| 9 _____ | 10 _____ |
| 11 _____ | |

3 Complete Callum and Lottie's conversation. Use the words and phrases in the box.

Did x2 didn't get up take
Yes, I did got up went

Callum: How was your summer holiday, Lottie?

Lottie: It was brilliant! I _____ want to leave!

Callum: _____ you _____ early every day?

Lottie: Of course not! We _____ late and we _____ to bed late.

Callum: _____ you _____ any photos?

Lottie: _____. I took hundreds of them!

4 Make conversations. Use the verbs in brackets.

1

_____ you _____ to the mountains for your holiday? (go)

No, we _____. We _____ to the beach.

2

_____ you _____ in the sea every day? (swim)

Yes, we _____, and we also _____ in the pool.

3

_____ you _____ any clothes? (buy)

No, I _____. But I _____ a lot of presents.

4

_____ you _____ a lot of ice cream? (eat)

Yes, we _____! And we _____ a lot of sweets.

5

_____ you _____ a good time? (have)

Yes, we _____. We _____ a great time.

5 Write a holiday conversation. Use the conversations in Exercises 3 and 4 for ideas.

6 Correct the mistakes with the past simple.



- 0 My family and friends were there and they ^{gave} ~~gived~~ me a lot of presents.
- 1 Yesterday, I go with my dad to a football competition.
- 2 I went shopping and bough lots of presents.
- 3 I had a party and all my friends come to my house.
- 4 I was happy because I get a bag and a T-shirt for only £10!
- 5 My friend gives me some money to buy an ice cream.

7 Complete the email. Use the verbs in the box in the correct form.

be buy can eat go have
love see stay take visit

Hi guys!

I hope your holidays ⁰ were good.

I ¹ _____ a great time in New York. It was a special holiday for my dad's 50th birthday. We ² _____ at a nice hotel called Alberto's. We ³ _____ see lots of famous places from our bedroom window.

The food in New York was great. We ⁴ _____ in a different restaurant every night. My favourite restaurant was Chinese.

We did lots of sightseeing and ⁵ _____ some interesting museums. We ⁶ _____ to the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. We also ⁷ _____ a show on Broadway. Of course, my mum ⁸ _____ the large shops. She ⁹ _____ new clothes for all of us. I ¹⁰ _____ lots of photos. They're all online now – have a look!

8 Write an email to a friend about your last holiday. Look at the text in Exercise 7 for ideas.

UNIT 7

PAST SIMPLE: IRREGULAR VERBS

SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE, UNIT 5, PAST SIMPLE: REGULAR VERBS, PAGE 142

SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE, UNIT 6, PAST SIMPLE: QUESTIONS AND NEGATIVES, PAGE 143

Positive	I/You/He/She/It/We/They swam in the sea every day.
Negative	I/You/He/She/It/We/They didn't go to Italy on holiday.
Questions	What did I/you/he/she/it/we/they eat ? Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they have a good time?
Short answers	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they did . No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't .

- Remember, we use the **past simple** to talk about things that happened or didn't happen in the past.
- With regular verbs, the past simple verb ends in **-ed**.
want → *wanted*, *decide* → *decided*, *travel* → *travelled*
- With irregular verbs, the past simple doesn't end in **-ed**. (See irregular verb list page 158)
buy → *bought*, *come* → *came*, *take* → *took*

Practice

1 Complete the table with the missing words.

Infinitive	Past simple	Infinitive	Past simple
eat	⁰ <u>ate</u>	arrive	⁶ _____
¹ _____	went	⁷ _____	carried
ride	² _____	enjoy	⁸ _____
³ _____	saw	⁹ _____	lived
swim	⁴ _____	stop	¹⁰ _____
⁵ _____	took	¹¹ _____	watched

2 Read the sentences and underline the irregular past simple form of the verbs. Then write the infinitive of the verbs.

- I swam in the sea every day. *swim*
- We went sightseeing in the morning.
- We had a great time on holiday.
- I rode an elephant in India.
- My friends ate pizza last night.
- My parents bought me a present.

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

buy can get up
give ride see

- Our teacher _____ us a lot of homework.
- We _____ our bikes to the beach.
- I _____ a ticket at the station.
- My dad _____ at six o'clock this morning.
- I _____ my best friend with her mum.
- I _____ read and write when I was five.

4 Complete the conversation with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Alice: How ⁰ was (be) your holiday?

Jack: Great! I really ¹ _____ (enjoy) it!

Alice: ² _____ you _____ (go) camping?

Jack: No, we ³ _____ (stay) in a hotel.

Alice: What ⁴ _____ you _____ (do) every day?

Jack: In the morning, we ⁵ _____ (swim) in the sea. The beach ⁶ _____ (be) very near. In the afternoon, we ⁷ _____ (visit) different places.

Alice: Cool! Where ⁸ _____ you _____ (eat)?

Jack: We ⁹ _____ (have) breakfast and dinner in the hotel. I ¹⁰ _____ (take) a lot of photos.

Alice: Can I see them?

Jack: Yes, of course.