GUIDED DISCOVERY HANDOUT: PAST SIMPLE

Part 1: Meaning & Use

Read the example sentences below and answer the questions.

1. *I **visited** the Taj Mahal last year.*
2. *We **saw** a great film at the weekend.*
3. Are these actions happening right now, or are they completely finished? **Happening now / Completely finished**
4. Do we know *when* these actions happened (*last year, at the weekend*)? **YES / NO**
5. **Complete the rule:** We use the **Past Simple** to talk about _____ actions, events, or situations in the past.

Part 2: Affirmative Form (Regular & Irregular Verbs)

Look at the verb pairs below and complete the spelling and form rules:

- **Group A:** *want - wanted | look - looked*
- **Group B:** *like - liked | hope - hoped*
- **Group C:** *study - studied | try - tried*
- **Group D:** *go - went | hear - heard | see - saw*

1. For most **regular verbs** (Group A), we add _____ to the infinitive form.
2. If a regular verb ends in **-e** (Group B), we just add _____.
3. If a regular verb ends in **consonant + -y** (Group C), we change **-y** to _____.
4. **Irregular verbs** (Group D) **do / do not** end in *-ed*—they have special past forms (see page 180).
5. Does the past simple form change for *he / she / it* (e.g., *I watched* vs. *He watched*)? **YES / NO**

Part 3: Negatives & Questions (Standard Verbs vs. The Verb *Be*)

Compare the two tables carefully and circle the correct option in each rule.

Table 1: Standard Verbs (*watch, choose, have*)

Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)	Questions (?)
*I / He **watched**.*	*I / She **didn't watch**.*	*Why **did** you **choose** to visit Turkey?*

***Did** she **have** fun on holiday? |*

1. To form **negatives** with standard verbs, we use **didn't + past form / infinitive (base form)**.
2. To make **questions** with standard verbs, we use **did + subject + past form / infinitive (base form)**.

Table 2: The Verb *Be*

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Subject	Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)	Questions (?)
I / he / she / it	*I / She **was** tired.*	*He **wasn't** tired.*	*Where **was** your hotel?*
you / we / they	*You / We / They **were** tired.*	*You **weren't** tired.*	***Were** you tired after your trip?*

3. What are the two past simple forms of the verb *be*? _____ and _____.
3. With the verb *be*, we use did / do NOT use did** to form negatives and questions.

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