

Past simple of regular verbs.

Study the sentences and the words in blue. Which sentences refer to the **present** and which refer to the **past**?

- a) I live in New York **now**.
- b) We lived in London **in 2009**.
- c) Wayne plays football **every Friday**.
- d) Wayne didn't play football **last week**.

RULES

- 1. To form the past simple of regular verbs we add - to the verb.
- 2. We use didn't + verb in the form.

Write **affirmative (+)** sentences using the past simple. Are they true or false?

*Example: Neil Armstrong (discover) America. Neil Armstrong **discovered** America. False.*

- 1. Europeans Africa in the 18th century. (explore)
- 2. Tutankhamen in Egypt a longtime ago. (live)
- 3. The first astronauts space in 1981. (visit)
- 4. Columbus in South America about 500 years ago. (arrive)
- 5. People using horses for transport in the 19th century. (stop)
- 6. In 1700 people by plane. (travel)
- 7. Graham Bell the telephone. (invent)

Complete the text with affirmative and negative forms of the verbs in brackets.

Columbus wanted (want) to find a new way to India.

In 1492, he (travel) across the Atlantic Ocean. He (arrive) in San Salvador in the Bahamas two months later. He (visit) a lot of islands and he (name) them the Indies. He (call) the native people Indians. It was a very beautiful place, but he (not discover) any gold there. Columbus (not stay) a longtime and he (arrive) back in Spain in March 1493. The King and Queen of Spain weren't happy because he (not discover) any gold or a new way to India. Columbus (not visit) North America, but he was the-first European to explore Central America.