



# Simple Past Tense in English

## Common Irregular Verbs



**Usage:** The simple past (also called past simple or preterite) is a verb tense which is used to show that a completed action took place at a specific time in the past. The simple past is also frequently used to talk about past habits and generalisations.

**Simple Past Forms:** The simple past is formed using the **verb + ed**. In addition, there are many verbs with irregular past forms. Questions are made with *did* and negative forms are made with *did not*.

Put the verbs in the brackets into the correct Simple Past Tense form:

1. Isabella (think) \_\_\_\_\_ very carefully about her next move.
2. Bridget (come) \_\_\_\_\_ home from work and collapsed in a heap on the sofa.
3. Ralph (know) \_\_\_\_\_ everything there was to know about The American Revolution.
4. Winston (have) \_\_\_\_\_ blueberry pancakes for breakfast this morning.
5. Victoria (take) \_\_\_\_\_ her dog for a walk in forest.
6. Mia (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ a new pair of shoes as her feet had grown so much over the summer.
7. Mrs Oakes's students (read) \_\_\_\_\_ loads of exciting books over the holidays.
8. I (speak) \_\_\_\_\_ to my girlfriend for ages over the phone last night, we had so much news to catch up on.
9. Last year I (do) \_\_\_\_\_ loads of exercise. I went to the gym at least three times a week.
10. Last week Chiara (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema to see the new Brad Pitt movie.
11. My best friend (tell) \_\_\_\_\_ me all about the amazing summer camp that she went on. I think I'd like to go next year.
12. Last weekend Joshua (make) \_\_\_\_\_ blueberry muffin cupcakes on his own, for the very first time. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ really pleased with himself.
13. I (forget) \_\_\_\_\_ to pack my books for school last night, so this morning I was missing half of the things that I (need) \_\_\_\_\_ for school this morning.
14. In July Kian (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to Connecticut for the first time, he visited the Mark Twain house and museum.
15. Cole (give) \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful birthday present to his mother.
16. Siena (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ on the white, sandy beach looking out upon the luminous clear blue sea.
17. Lauren (say) \_\_\_\_\_ that nothing would make her angry.

