

# Past Simple

a. Write the past tense of these **regular verbs**.

Base form	Past simple	Base form	Past simple	Base form	Past simple
learn	learned	listen	listened	happen	happened
love	loved	plan	planned	enjoy	enjoyed
clap	clapped	study	studied	drop	dropped
follow	followed	walk	walked	admit	admitted
decide	decided	show	showed	carry	carried
want	wanted	look	looked	drag	dragged
like	liked	stop	stopped	start	started
prefer	preferred	mix	mixed	watch	watched

b. Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs in parenthesis.

1. The Wright brothers received a flying toy from their father. (*receive*)
2. They played with kites. (*play*)
3. They dreamed about flying. (*dream*)
4. They studied everything they could about flying. (*study*)
5. They started a bicycle business. (*start*)
6. They used the bicycle shop to design airplanes. (*use*)
7. They tried to fly their first plane in 1899. (*try*)
8. Their crashed first plane. (*crash*)
9. They fixed it. (*fix*)
10. In 1903, their plane stayed in the air for 12 seconds. (*stay*)
11. They offered their invention to the U.S. government. (*offer*)
12. The government decided to offer them a contract. (*decide*)
13. Wilbur Wright died in 1912. (*die*)
14. Orville Wright lived for many more years. (*live*)
15. Their invention changed the world. (*change*)

c. Fill in the blanks with the negative form of the verbs in **bold**.

1. Goddard **believed** in space flight. Other people didn't believe in space flight at that time.
2. The Wright brothers **dreamed** about flying. They didn't dream about rockets.
3. They **sold** bicycles. They didn't sell cars.
4. Their 1903 airplane **had** a pilot. Their first airplane didn't have a pilot.
5. The Wright brothers **wanted** to show their airplane to the U.S. government. The government didn't want to see it at first.
6. The Wright brothers **built** the first airplane. They didn't build the first rocket.
7. Goddard **thought** his ideas were important. His colleagues didn't think his ideas were important.
8. He **wanted** to build rockets. He didn't want to build airplanes.
9. In 1920, a newspaper **wrote** that he was foolish. The newspaper didn't write about the possibility of rocket travel.
10. In 1926 his rocket **flew**. Before that time, his rockets didn't fly.
11. The first rocket **stayed** in the air for 2½ seconds. It didn't stay in the air for a long time.
12. Goddard **saw** his rockets fly. He didn't see rockets go to the moon.
13. In 1957, the Russians **put** the first man in space. The Americans didn't put the first man in space.
14. In 1969, the first Americans **walked** on the moon. Russians didn't walk on the moon.
15. A rocket **went** to the moon in 1969. A rocket didn't go to the moon during Goddard's lifetime.

d. Write questions in Simple Past Tense.

1. He / phone / a friend an hour ago. \_\_\_\_\_
2. My father / buy / a jeep last week. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The girls / wear / skirts to the party. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I / wash / my hair last night. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jane / send / four e-mails to Lisa. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The film / end / very late last week. \_\_\_\_\_
7. They / go / to bed at midnight. \_\_\_\_\_
8. She / have / lunch in an Italian restaurant. \_\_\_\_\_

e. Fill in the blanks with the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (he / get up) yesterday?
4. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / get off) the train?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) very late.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) £300 when my uncle \_\_\_\_\_ (die).
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / use) the computer last night.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / make) good coffee?
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris.
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper yesterday.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) TV.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) for the exam.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / call) you?
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / forget) something?
17. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (the film / start)?
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower.
19. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / come)?
20. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / go) to the party?

**Writing** (10 points): Use the simple past to describe an important event in your life. (70 words)