PAST SIMPLE

KEY RULES

- ✓ Same form for all subjects: I/he/she/it/we/you/they started / went
- ✓ Different form for the verb TO BE: am/is = was are =were
- ✓ Negative and Interrrogative: DID / DIDN'T + Infinitive/base form
- ✓ Negative and interrogative of TO BE and CAN: was I?/were you? wasn't/weren't could I? I couldn't

HOW TO FORM THE PAST SIMPLE

1. REGULAR VERBS:

- ✓ We add –ED to the base form (all subjects).

Start – started

- ✓ Ending in E add only D

Live – lived

- ✓ Ending in consonant + y = ¥IED

Cry – cried

- ✓ Doubling the consonant:
- ✓ We double the final consonant with one syllable, single vowel + ending in consonant

Stop – stopped

- ✓ We double the final consonant with two syllable with the stress on the second syllable

Prefér – preferred

2. IRREGULAR VERBS

Second column on the verbs list.

Go – went

POSITIVE

He was in London yesterday

We were in Dublin yesterday

He lived in London 2 years ago

We lived in London 2 years ago

He went to London yesterday

We went to Dublin yesterday

NEGATIVE

He wasn't in London yesterday

We weren't in Dublin yesterday

He DIDN'T lived in London 2 years ago

We DIDN'T lived in London 2 years ago

He DIDN'T GO ~~went~~ to London yesterday

We DIDN'T GO ~~went~~ to Dublin yesterday

QUESTION

Was he in London yesterday? Yes, he was

Were we in Dublin yesterday? Yes, we were

DID he lived in London 2 years ago? Yes, he did

DID we lived in London 2 years ago? Yes, we did

DID he go ~~went~~ to London yesterday? No, he didn't

DID we go ~~went~~ to Dublin yesterday? No, we didn't

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Write the correct form of the past. Click for help

listen		eat		can	
pray		be		chop	
move		like		study	
try		talk		see	
travel		agree		shop	
hop		leave		enjoy	

2. Complete the paragraph with WAS, WERE, WASN'T or WEREN'T

Last summer wonderful. My family and I on a Greek island and we very happy. We saw ancient buildings outside the town and they very interesting. It hot and I on the beach all day. The sea cold. It was warm and I happy to swim in the water all day. you in a beautiful place last summer, too?

3. Write these sentences in the past simple in positive or negative

1. It was warm, so I off my coat. (take)
2. The film wasn't very good. I it very much. (enjoy)
3. I knew Sarah was very busy, so I her. (disturb)
4. I was very tired, so I to bed early.(go)
5. The bed was very uncomfortable. I very well. (sleep)
6. Sue wasn't hungry, so she anything. (eat)
7. We went to Kate's house but she at home (be)
8. It was a funny situation but nobody (laugh)
9. The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)
10. The hotel wasn't very expensive. It very much. (cost)
11. I was in a hurry, so I time to phone you. (have)
12. It was hard work carrying the bags. They very heavy. (be)
13. She (study) hard and (pass) the exam.
14. We (jog) in the park yesterday.
15. They (travel) to America last year.

4. Complete the questions

1. The accident happened last year. last year?
2. Ron had a cold last week. a cold last week?
3. Tina had many friends. many friends?
4. He ran a marathon last year. a marathon last year?
5. They took a train to Seattle. a train to Seattle?
6. Sally played the guitar. the guitar?
7. She chatted online. online?
8. It rained last Saturday. last Saturday?
9. He finished the work. the work?
10. She gave her skirt to Mary. her skirt to Mary?
11. Gary broke the window. the window?

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5. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple.

Stuart: you (you/watch) Dua Lipa's concert on TV last night?
Ann: No. I (not/have/ time. I (have) a lot of homework.
Stuart: Really? What (you/do)?
Ann: I (finish) drawing a map for geography, I (revise) the vocabulary for the test in English and I (study) the piano.
Stuart: Wow! You (be) terribly busy! What time (you/finish)?
Ann: I (have) to look after my little brother so I (start) at four o'clock in the afternoon and I (finish) at ten. What about you?
Stuart: I (finish) everything on Saturday. I (get) up very early, I (study) morning and afternoon. I only (stop) for lunch because I (need) a break. The good news is I (be) free on Sunday and I (can) go out with my friends.
Ann: That's cool!

6. Write these sentences in the past simple

1. I see my parents every weekend. (last weekend)
2. Matthew always asks a lot of questions. (this morning)
3. They go to the mountains in the winter. (last winter)
4. Julie meets Tom from school every afternoon. (this afternoon)
5. Jenny watches a lot of television at the weekends. (on holiday)
6. He eats a lot in the evenings. (last night)
7. The programme starts at 7:30 every Friday. (this morning)
8. I love cycling at the weekends. (when I was a child)
9. We always have a nice time with them. (on holiday)
10. The garden looks lovely in the spring. (last spring)

7. Bianca had a lot to do yesterday. Look at her list to find out what she did or didn't do. Then write sentences under the correct headings.

✓feed the dog	x finish my art project	✓study French	x tidy my room	✓post a Tiktok video
x wash my hair	x read a book	✓play tennis	✓send an e-mail	x write an essay

Things Bianca did	Things Bianca didn't do
1. She	1. She
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

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