

Grammar Station



Past Simple: Positive & Negative

- ★ We usually add **-d** or **-ed** to the base verb to make the past form. Some verbs change their forms irregularly.
- ★ We put **did not** before the base verb to make negative sentences.

Positive		Negative		
I/We/You/They	worked.	I/We/You/They	did not (=didn't)	work.
He/She/It		He/She/It		

		Base Verb	Past Simple Verb	
most verbs	+ -ed	walk help	walk ed help ed	
verbs ending in -e	+ -d	move live	move d live d	
verbs ending in a consonant + -y	y + -ied	cry study	cri ed stud ied	
verbs ending in a vowel + a consonant	double consonant + -ed	stop plan	stop ped plan ned	
irregular	come – came give – gave run – ran see – saw	have – had make – made lose – lost tell – told	go – went eat – ate say – said buy – bought	cut – cut hit – hit break – broke read – read



Henry's family **moved** to a new house.
Everybody **worked** together.
Henry **put** his books on the shelf.

★ Circle the correct past simple forms.

1. slept / slept
2. read / readed
3. danceed / danced
4. studied / studyed
5. planed / planned
6. maked / made

A Write the past simple forms of the verbs.

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|----------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1. dance | <u>danced</u> | 2. cry | _____ |
| 3. jog | _____ | 4. cut | _____ |
| 5. make | _____ | 6. study | _____ |
| 7. move | _____ | 8. help | _____ |

B Complete the sentences in the past simple.

- do The students did some volunteer work yesterday.
- write Benjamin _____ a postcard.
- live Uncle Martin _____ in Berlin two years ago.
- read I _____ storybooks to children at the library.

C Complete the sentences in the past simple.

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(study / play)
 Charlie studied for the exam.
 He didn't play baseball.
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(read / write)
 My grandpa _____ the newspaper.
 He _____ a letter.
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(dance / sing)
 Larry _____ at the birthday party.
 He _____ a song.
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(go / eat)
 Tim and I _____ to a movie last night.
 We _____ dinner at a restaurant.

A Look at the list and complete the sentences.

Last Vacation



go to Italy ✓

make a robot ✓

watch many films ✗

buy a new camera ✓

run in a half marathon ✗

1. Mike went to Italy.
2. He _____ a robot.
3. He _____ many films.
4. He _____ a new camera.
5. He _____ in a half marathon.

B Complete the sentences.

Past

1. Jenny planned a trip to India.
2. My mom came home early.
3. _____ some cheesecake.
4. The baby didn't cry loudly.
5. My dad _____ yesterday.
6. She didn't study for the exam.

Present

- Jenny plans a trip to India.
- _____ home early.
- They eat some cheesecake.
- _____ loudly.
- My dad arrives today.
- She _____ for the exam.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. I buy a soccer ball yesterday. → I bought a soccer ball yesterday.
2. Lynn wash her dad's car last Saturday. → _____
3. My family gets up early this morning. → _____
4. Susan call me last night. → _____
5. We watch a magic show last Friday. → _____

When you write a newspaper article about an event that happened in the past, you can use the past simple.

★ Complete the newspaper article in the past simple.

TORNADOES HIT THE MIDWEST

By Joseph Ferry



Tornadoes and heavy thunderstorms hit (hit) the Midwest yesterday. Strong winds (destroy) many roads, houses, and bridges. They (knock) down all the trees there. "The sky (is) dark for 20 minutes," a farmer (say). "People here (lose) everything," Wisconsin Mayor Gary Manier (tell) our reporter. He (describe) the scene to CNN's *News Day*. A lot of volunteers (go) there and (help) the rescue team. However, they need more helping hands.



■ Complete the chart.

	Positive	Negative
move	I <u>moved</u> the boxes.	I <u>didn't move</u> the boxes.
cook	My mom <u> </u> curry for lunch.	My mom <u> </u> curry for lunch.
write	The children <u> </u> a postcard.	The children <u> </u> a postcard.
read	He <u> </u> a book after dinner.	He <u> </u> a book after dinner.
come	They <u> </u> back home at 7:00.	They <u> </u> back home at 7:00.
cut	We <u> </u> the paper into circles.	We <u> </u> the paper into circles.
eat	We <u> </u> sandwiches for lunch.	We <u> </u> sandwiches for lunch.