

# PAST SIMPLE TENSE

## AFFIRMATIVE

We form the past simple of regular verbs adding the suffix **-ed** to the **base form**.  
*wait-waited ask-asked*  
 Irregular verbs don't follow this rule as they have a special form for the past simple:  
*buy-bought drink-drank*

## NEGATIVE

We form the negative of the past simple using **didn't** before the **base form** of the verb. This rule is for both regular and irregular verbs.  
*didn't wait didn't ask*  
*didn't buy didn't drink*  
*didn't listen didn't see*

## INTERROGATIVE

We form the interrogative of the past simple using **did+subject+the base form of the verb**. This rule is for both regular and irregular verbs.  
*Did you wait ...? Did you ask ...?*  
*Did you buy ...? Did you drink...?*  
*Did you listen...? Did you see...?*

## SPELLING

Most regular verbs add **-ed** (ask-asked).  
 Those **ending in "e" only add -d**. (live-lived)  
 Verbs ending in **consonant+y change "y" into "i" and add "ed"**. (study-studied)  
 One syllable verbs ending in one consonant preceded by one vowel **double** the final consonant.  
 stop-stopped  
 plan-planned

## USE

The past simple is used to talk about **finished actions** in the **past**.  
 I lived in Rome for 3 years.  
 It is also used to talk about actions that happened one after another.  
 He arrived home, turned on the TV and sat down.

## TIME EXPRESSIONS

**YESTERDAY**  
**LAST WEEK / MONTH / YEAR**  
**ON MONDAY / TUESDAY ...**  
**ONE DAY / WEEK / MONTH / YEAR AGO**  
**AT 10 O' CLOCK**  
**THE OTHER DAY / IN 2007**  
*I saw Peter two days ago.*  
*They finished the book last week.*  
*The got married in 2002.*



Complete the sentences using a suitable verb from the list in the Present Simple to describe what these people do.

**DRY LISTEN MEET FALL GO MAKE**  
**CRY HAVE STAY BUY SPEND LAUGH**  
**BE FINISH RECEIVE GET PICK TAKE**

- Bob \_\_\_\_\_ tired of building sand castles at the beach.
- Linda \_\_\_\_\_ a river when she lost her favourite doll.
- Jim \_\_\_\_\_ to his violin lesson one hour ago.
- Yesterday Henry \_\_\_\_\_ reading a very exciting book.
- Frank \_\_\_\_\_ the whole afternoon playing with his new toy plane.
- Martin \_\_\_\_\_ at school after classes because his teacher had punished him for not doing his homework.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ Alfred a long time to solve the problem.
- Last weekend Tina \_\_\_\_\_ up some mushrooms.
- Lisa's dog \_\_\_\_\_ to her instructions carefully.
- Two days ago Mark \_\_\_\_\_ an accident with his bike.
- John and Brenda \_\_\_\_\_ in the street when they were going to school.
- Paul and Tom \_\_\_\_\_ at a joke his friend Larry had told them.
- Alice \_\_\_\_\_ in love with one of her school mates at the disco last weekend.
- Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ very disappointed when she failed the exam.
- Yesterday Maggie went shopping and \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of things.
- Danny \_\_\_\_\_ his hair after having a bath.
- My mother \_\_\_\_\_ some nice biscuits yesterday.
- MY sister \_\_\_\_\_ a call telling her she had won a very important prize.