

2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

- a Write the past simple form of these verbs. Are they regular or irregular? Check in Stuart's story.

go	_____	get	_____
climb	_____	want	_____
be	_____ /	think	_____
	_____	decide	_____
take	_____	say	_____
have	_____	spend	_____
can	_____	start	_____
sit	_____	feel	_____

- b Complete the negative verbs. Then check in Stuart's story.

- 1 It _____ really a climb, but it was a long walk.
- 2 I wanted to take another photo, but I _____ find my phone.
- 3 I _____ want to leave my phone up there.

- c How do you make ☐ and ☐ in the past simple...?

- with *was / were*
- with *could*
- with other verbs

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	regular	irregular 
☐ +	We stayed at a hotel last summer.	I went to Turkey twice last year.
☐ -	He didn't stay with friends.	She didn't go to France.
☐ ?	Did you stay for the weekend?	Did you go to Madrid?
☒ ☒	Yes, I did .	No, we didn't .
Wh ☐ ?	Where did you stay ?	Why did you go ?

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple ☐ of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in ☐ past simple, e.g. *go* → *went*, *see* → *saw*. See *Irregular verbs* p.164.

- We use *didn't* + infinitive for negatives and *Did...* + subject + infinitive for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QuASI** to remember word order in questions. See **1A** p.126.

spelling rules for regular verbs

infinitive	past	spelling
work stay	worked stayed	add <i>-ed</i>
like	liked	add <i>d</i> if verb finishes in <i>e</i>
study	studied	<i>y</i> → <i>ied</i> after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant

2A

a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we had (have) a holiday in Scotland. We ¹_____ (drive) there from London, but our car ²_____ (break) down on the motorway and we ³_____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we ⁴_____ (get) to Edinburgh we ⁵_____ (go) to our hotel, but they ⁶_____ (not can) find our reservation, and they ⁷_____ (be) full. We ⁸_____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we ⁹_____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we ¹⁰_____ (stay) there for the week. We ¹¹_____ (see) the castle and ¹²_____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³_____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we ¹⁴_____ (not have) much time and it ¹⁵_____ (be) quite far away. The weather ¹⁶_____ (not be) very good – it ¹⁷_____ (start) raining on the day we ¹⁸_____ (leave) London, and it never ¹⁹_____ (stop)!

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?

We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?

I went with my family.

3 _____?

We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane tickets
_____?

They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?

We usually went out for dinner.