

worked/got/went etc. (past simple)

A

They **watch** TV every evening.
(present simple)

They **watched** TV yesterday evening.
(past simple)

watched is the past simple:

I/we/you/they	watched
he/she/it	



B

The past simple is often **-ed** (regular verbs). For example:

work → **worked** dance → **danced**
clean → **cleaned** stay → **stayed**
start → **started** need → **needed**

- ☐ I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- ☐ Terry **worked** in a bank from 2005 to 2011.
- ☐ Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- ☐ We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **finished** at midnight.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

try → **tried** study → **studied** copy → **copied**
stop → **stopped** plan → **planned**

C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The past simple is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendix 2–3):

begin → began	fall → fell	leave → left	sell → sold
break broke	find found	lose lost	sit sat
bring brought	fly flew	make made	sleep slept
build built	forget forgot	meet met	speak spoke
buy bought	get got	pay paid	stand stood
catch caught	give gave	put put	take took
come came	go went	read read (red)*	tell told
do did	have had	ring rang	think thought
drink drank	hear heard	say said	win won
eat ate	know knew	see saw	write wrote

* pronounced 'red'

- ☐ I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9 o'clock.
- ☐ We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- ☐ Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- ☐ James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat and **sat** down.

Exercises

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

~~clean~~ die enjoy finish happen open rain start stay want

- 1 I cleaned my teeth three times yesterday.
- 2 It was hot in the room, so I the window.
- 3 The film was very long. It at 7.15 and at 10 o'clock.
- 4 When I was a child, I to be a doctor.
- 5 The accident last Sunday afternoon.
- 6 The weather is nice today, but yesterday it all day.
- 7 We our holiday last year. We at a very nice place.
- 8 Anna's grandfather when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Write the past simple of these verbs.

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 get <u>got</u> | 4 pay | 7 go | 10 know |
| 2 see | 5 visit | 8 think | 11 put |
| 3 play | 6 buy | 9 copy | 12 speak |

11.3 Read about Lisa's journey to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday Lisa (1) flew from London to Madrid. She (2) up at 6 o'clock in the morning and (3) a cup of coffee. At 6.30 she (4) home and (5) to the airport. When she (6) there, she (7) the car, (8) to the airport building, and (9) in. Then she (10) breakfast at a cafe and (11) for her flight. The plane (12) on time and (13) in Madrid two hours later. Finally she (14) a taxi from the airport to her hotel in the centre of Madrid.

fly, get
have
leave, drive
get, park, walk
check, have
wait, depart
arrive, take

11.4 Write sentences about the past (**yesterday** / **last week** etc.).

- 1 James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- 2 Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- 3 Kate meets her friends every evening. She yesterday evening.
- 4 I buy a newspaper every day. Yesterday I
- 5 We often go to the cinema at weekends. Last Sunday we
- 6 I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- 7 Tom always has a shower in the morning. This morning he
- 8 Our friends often come to see us. They last Friday.

11.5 Write sentences about what **you** did yesterday.

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| 1 <u>I went to the theatre.</u> | 4 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 |