

PAST SIMPLE

WHEN DO WE USE PAST
SIMPLE?

- Action that happened at a definite stated time in the past
- We know when it happened

He finished school in 1991



- For repeated actions that happened in the past but don't happen anymore
- We can use adverbs of frequency in this case

Jane visited dancing classes when she was five



- For actions that happened one after the other in the past

He missed the bus and was late for work



- To talk about people who are no longer alive

Marilyn Monroe acted in a lot of films.



Time expressions used in the past:

- Yesterday
- **Last** week/month/year/Friday
- Two days/year/month **ago**
- **In** 1975
- When

Structure (regular verbs)

Verb + ED

work - worked

I worked

You worked

He/she/it worked

We worked

You worked

They worked



Structure (irregular verbs) are not formed by the rule go - went

I went

You went

He/she/it went

We went

You went

They went



Negative (regular verbs) did + not

- I didn't work
- You didn't work
- He didn't work
- She didn't work
- It didn't work
- We didn't work
- They didn't work
- You didn't work



Negative (irregular verbs)

did + not

- I didn't go
- You didn't go
- He didn't go
- She didn't go
- It didn't go
- We didn't go
- They didn't go
- You didn't go



Questions (regular verbs) did

- Did I work?
- Did you work?
- Did he work?
- Did she work?
- Did it work?
- Did we work?
- Did they work?
- Did you work?



Questions (irregular verbs) did

- Did I go?
- Did you go?
- Did he go?
- Did she go?
- Did it go?
- Did we go?
- Did they go?
- Did you go?



Now you try

Yesterday she (visit) her parents



When he (to be) three he (play)
football



He (love) eating five years ago



He (smile) and (wave).



We (finish) this book five days ago.



