

Past Simple

Use

- We use the Past Simple to talk about finished actions and situations in the past.

Ex.: Last summer I visited my granny.

We met in Scotland in 1995.

Time adverbials

- yesterday
- the day before yesterday
- last night / week / year ...
- three days ago / a week ago (... ago)
- in 1995 / ...

Form

Regular Verbs

- + ed *Ex.: talk -> talked, play -> played*

- Verbs ending in -e + d

Ex.: like -> liked, love -> loved

- Verbs ending in a consonant + y change the -y -> ied

Ex.: carry -> carried, study -> studied

- Verbs ending in a single vowel followed by a single consonant: **double the consonant + ed**

Ex.: fit -> fitted, travel -> travelled

Rules for pronouncing *-ed*

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/d/ after voiced sounds (vowels /b/, /d/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /r/, /v/, /w/, /dʒ/): *smiled, opened, loved*

/t/ after voiceless sounds (/f/, /k/, /ks/, /p/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/): *cooked, escaped, laughed, watched*

/ɪd/ after /t/ and /d/: *landed, needed*

We also use /ɪd/ for *-ied*: *worried, married*.

Form

Irregular verbs

Use the past simple form from the list of irregular verbs.

Ex.: go -> went

do -> did

make -> made

Form

	Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)
I/He/She/It/ You/We/They	Ved / V2	did not (didn't) + Vinf

Ex.: I walked to school yesterday.

I didn't walk to school yesterday.

He wrote this letter in 1987.

He didn't write this letter in 1987.

Form

Interrogative (?)

Did I/he/she/it/you/we/they **Vinf** ?

Short answers

Yes, I/he/she/it/you/we/they did.

No, I/he/she/it/you/we/they didn't.

to be (Past Simple)

	Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)
I/He/She/It	was	was not (wasn't)
You/We/They	were	were not (weren't)

Interrogative (?)
Was I/he/she/it ... ?
Were you/we/they ... ?

Short answers
Yes, I/he/she/it was. you/we/they were.
No, I/he/she/it wasn't. you/we/they weren't.