

The Simple Past Tense



Yesterday I went for a swim.

PAST SIMPLE TENSE: REGULAR VERBS

Affirmative:

The past tense of regular verbs is formed by adding *-d* or *-ed* to the base form of the verb.

Eg. I worked in a shop last year, I lived in a big house when I was younger.



I worked hard last weekend

-ed Spelling Rules

1) Most regular verbs add ed:

Worked, Played, waited

2) Verbs ending in e add d:

Liked, loved

3) 1 Vowel + 1 consonant

Double the consonant + ed:

Planned, stopped

Pronouncing the -ed

- /t/ after the sounds: **P/CH/K/F/Z/S/SH**
Eg. Watched, pushed, walked, ...
- /d/ after the sounds: **Vowels and B/G/V/M/N/R/L/**
Eg. Played, called,
- /id/ after the sounds: **t, d:**
Eg. Decided, started, ...

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Pronunciation of ED



The pronunciation of words ending in ED depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce ED:

/id/

T wanted
D needed

Voiced Sound
= uses the vocal cords and they produce a vibration or humming sound in the throat.

(Touch your throat to feel it)

/t/

P helped
K looked
SH washed
CH watched
GH laughed
TH breathed
SS kissed
C danced
X fixed

VOICELESS

/d/

L called
N cleaned
R offered
G damaged
V loved
S used
W followed
Y enjoyed
Z amazed

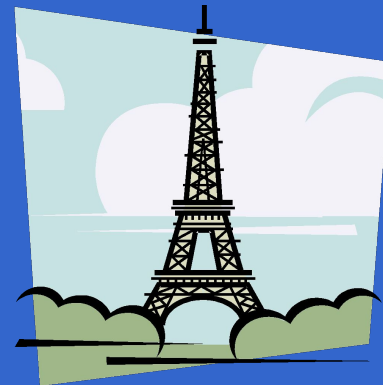
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Simple Past Tense: Irregular verbs

Affirmative:

Irregular past verb forms must be learned because they don't follow any rule:

Go	went
Come	came
Buy	bought
Drink	drank
Eat	ate
Find	found
See	saw



I went to Paris last July

Regular or Irregular?

You have to learn the Irregular verbs by heart and those which aren't Irregular are the Regular ones...Easy, isn't it?

Irregular Verbs

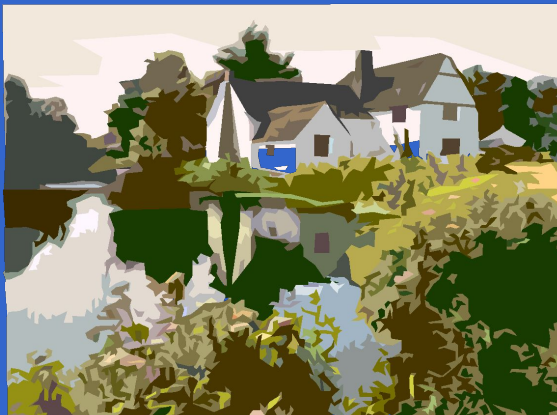


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PAST SIMPLE TENSE: REGULAR and IRREGULAR VERBS

Negative:

Use ***did not*** or ***didn't*** + ***a base form verb*** to make the past simple tense negative. I didn't work last summer



I didn't live in a flat during my last Summer holidays.

I didn't go to Berlin last July

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Interrogative:

Use **did** + subject + a base form verb to make the past simple interrogative. **Did you play sport last Summer?**



Did you travel by boat last holidays?

Yes, I did.

Did you see any dolphins?

No I didn't.

Past simple tense:

Affirmative	Negative	Questions	Short answer	Short answer
I worked.	I didn't work.	Did I work?	Yes, I did.	No, I didn't.
He worked.	He didn't work.	Did he work?	Yes, he did.	No, he didn't.
She worked.	She didn't work.	Did she work?	Yes, she did.	No, she didn't.
It worked.	It didn't work.	Did it work?	Yes, it did.	No, it didn't.
You worked.	You didn't work.	Did you work?	Yes you did.	No, you didn't.
We worked.	We didn't work.	Did we work?	Yes we did.	No, we didn't.
They worked.	They didn't work.	Did they work?	Yes they did.	No, they didn't.

The Simple Past Tense is used

1. To talk about actions that happened at a specific time in the past. You state when it happened using a **time adverb** (yesterday, last month):

"Last year I took my exams".



2. It can be used to describe events that happened over a period of time in the past but not now:

"I lived in Asia for two years."



3. It is also used to talk about habitual or repeated actions that took place in the past:

"When I was a child we always went to the seaside on bank holidays."

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Time expressions:

Yesterday, last month, last year, last time, ...
ago, in ...



My friends travelled to Saudi Arabia
two years ago.

We met at a party last weekend.

She had salad for lunch yesterday.

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