

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

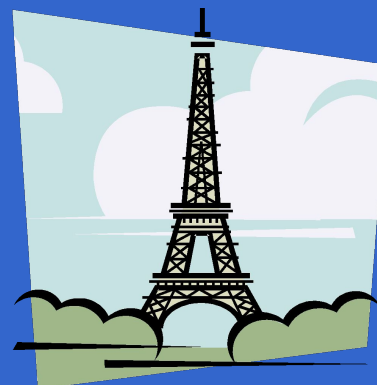
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Simple Past Tense: Irregular verbs

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

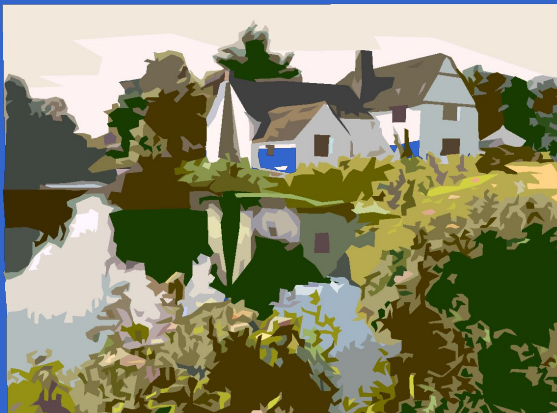


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PAST SIMPLE TENSE: REGULAR and IRREGULAR VERBS

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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