

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.