

THE PAST TENSE IN ENGLISH

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

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THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE- FORMS

□ **Affirmative**

Regular verbs I/you/he/she/it/we/ they work**ED**

!! Easily confused irregular verbs

- ✓ *flow- flowed- flowed (of a liquid- move)*
- ✓ *lay-laid-laid (put down flat)*
- ✓ *lie-lay-lain (be down)*
- ✓ *strike-struck-struck (hit)*
- ✓ *wind- wound-wound (turn, tighten a spring)*

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- ✓ *raise-raised-raised (put up)*
- ✓ *rise-rose-risen (go/get up)*

Differences between BrE and AmE

Burn, dream, lean, learn, smell, spell, spill and *spoil* are all REGULAR in AmE.

Quit and *wet* are regular in BrE, but irregular in AmE. In AmE- *fit-fit-fit, quit-quit-quit, wet-wet-wet.*

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□ **Interrogative**

DID you/he/we/ they **WORK?**

□ **Negative**

I/we/they/ he **DIDN'T WORK.**

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE- SPELLING

- ✓ Regular verbs add **-ed** *rained, visited, galloped, wondered, showed*
- ✓ Verbs ending in -e add **-d** *hoped, decided*
- ✓ Verbs ending in one stressed vowel+ one consonant (except w or y) **double the consonant and add -ed** *shopped, planned, referred, regretted*
- ✓ Verbs ending in consonant+ y, **change y to i and add -ed** *hurried, studied, cried*

THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE- USE

- 1. Short, quickly finished actions and happenings, longer situations or repeated events**

Peter broke a window last night. I spent all my childhood in Scotland.

2. Storytelling about past events

... One day the Princess decided that she didn't like staying at home all day,

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3. Finished periods or moments of time

I saw John yesterday morning. He told me...

4. After *if, unless, supposing* to express condition

If you caught the train, you could be there by supper-time.

5. After *it's time, would rather* and *wish*.

It's time you went home. I wish I had a better memory.

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6. **Sequence of tenses/ reporting/ indirect speech** (after say, tell, think, know, explain, believe, understand, see, hear, remember, forget, decide ...)

I can't swim. He pretended he couldn't swim.

You look nice. I told her she looked nice.

Translate:

Řekl nám, že v jeho třídě je hodně zahraničních studentů.

Vysvětlila, proč to není správné. Bohužel jsem zapomněl, že mu nechutná česnek.

THE PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE - FORM

□ **Affirmative**

The auxiliary verb TO BE in past simple form+ present participle of lexical (full) verb

I was working. They were working.

□ **Interrogative**

Inversion *Were you working? Was it working?*

□ **Negative**

I was NOT working.

THE PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE - USE

1. **Action going on (in progress) around a particular past time**

What were you doing at eight o'clock yesterday evening? I was painting all day yesterday.

2. **Longer background events together with a simple past tense**

As I was walking down the road, I saw Bill.

THE PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE - USE

3. Temporary actions and situations

It happened while I was living in Eastbourne last year.

4. Distancing

Good morning. I was wondering if you had two single rooms.

Were you looking for anything special?

I was thinking- what about borrowing Jake's car?

PRACTICE

- Vyhodili ho z oddělení. Pořád dělal chyby.
- Najednou jsem si všiml býka v rohu pole. A měl jsem na sobě červenou bundu!
- Je mi to líto, rozbilo se to, když jsem tím psal.
- Hodlal jsem jí o tom říct na tom večírku, ale nebyla tam.