



THE PAST SIMPLE

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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 Mont.):

"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."

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



I **worked** hard last weekend

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

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

PAST SIMPLE TENSE: REGULAR and IRREGULAR VERBS

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: Regular verbs

Affirmative

I **worked**.

He **worked**.

She **worked**.

It **worked**.

You **worked**.

We **worked**.

They **worked**.

Negative

I **didn't** work.

He **didn't** work.

She **didn't** work.

It **didn't** work.

You **didn't** work.

We **didn't** work.

They **didn't** work.

Questions

Did I work?

Did he work?

Did she
work?

Did it work?

Did you
work?

Did we work?

Did they
work?

Short answer

Yes, I
did.

Yes, he
did.

Yes, she
did.

Yes, it
did.

Yes you
did.

Yes we
did.

Yes they
did.

Short answer

No, I
didn't.

No, he
didn't.

No, she
didn't.

No, it
didn't.

No, you
didn't.

No, we
didn't.

No, they
didn't.

The Simple Past Tense

Time expressions:

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



My friends travelled to Saudi Arabia two
years ago

Simple Past (Examples)

Action that was completed in the past:

Tom went fishing last week.

I worked until 2:00 p.m. yesterday.

My family came to visit me last year.



*Time Expressions frequently used with the simple past:

yesterday, last _____,

past dates (in 1990), _____ ago, etc.