



Past Simple

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Grammar summary

Subject / verb	Affirmative	Negative
I / You / We / They	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
He / She / It	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
be: I / He / She / It	was	was not / wasn't
be: You / We / They	were	were not / weren't

Use past simple for finished events: yesterday, last week, in 2020.

Regular: play - played; live - lived; study - studied; stop - stopped.

After did not / didn't, use the base verb: She didn't go.

01 Regular spelling

Complete with the past simple.

Example: He tried again. (try)

1. She _____ English last night. (study)
2. We _____ in Leeds in 2020. (live)
3. The bus _____ at the station yesterday. (stop)
4. I _____ my bag yesterday. (carry)
5. They _____ the party last night. (enjoy)
6. You _____ the kitchen yesterday. (tidy)

02 Irregular verbs

Complete with the past simple.

1. I _____ an email yesterday. (write)
2. She _____ a photo yesterday. (take)
3. We _____ dinner at eight last night. (have)
4. They _____ the answer yesterday. (find)

03 Negative forms

Use the negative past simple.

1. He _____ the email yesterday. (not / read)
2. We _____ any photos yesterday. (not / take)
3. I _____ my friend last weekend. (not / see)
4. They _____ the train yesterday. (not / catch)



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go / see	went / saw	We went home. We saw a film.
eat / buy	ate / bought	He ate lunch. He bought a book.
have / make	had / made	I had dinner. I made a cake.
take / write	took / wrote	She took a photo. She wrote an email.

Irregular past forms must be learned; they do not take -ed.

Negative: I didn't see it. With be: I wasn't there; they weren't there.

Choose the form from the finished past time and the instruction.

04 Past simple of be

Use was/were; make a negative when shown.

Example: She wasn't at home.

1. Leo _____ at school yesterday. (be)
2. The children _____ hungry last night. (be)
3. I _____ tired yesterday. (not / be)
4. We _____ late yesterday. (not / be)

05 Past or base form?

Complete the gaps using the verb in brackets.

1. She didn't _____ a cake yesterday. (make)
2. She _____ a cake last Friday. (make)
3. We didn't _____ the bus yesterday. (catch)
4. We _____ the bus last Monday. (catch)

06 A school trip

Use the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Our class _____ a museum last Friday. (visit)
2. We _____ there by bus. (go)
3. The guide _____ us some old maps. (show)
4. I _____ a postcard. (buy)
5. We _____ lunch in the museum. (not / eat)
6. We _____ happy with the trip. (be)