

PAST SIMPLE

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PAST SIMPLE

Two examples of PAST SIMPLE tense:

- They **went** to London with two friends last summer.
- We **stayed** in a hotel near Hyde Park.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



PAST SIMPLE - FORM

AFFIRMATIVE

- We add **-ED** to **REGULAR VERBS**.

She studied very hard for her exams.

- We use the **SECOND COLUMN** for the **IRREGULAR VERBS**.

Peter left his job last August.



PAST SIMPLE - SPELLING

RULE

EXAMPLES

1. Add **-ED** for most verbs.

work – work**ED**

ask – ask**ED**

2. Add **-D** to verbs ending in **-E**.

live – live**D**

phone – phone**D**

3a. Change the **-Y** to **-I** and add **-ED** when the base form ends in a consonant **+y**.

study - stud**IED**

hurry - hurr**IED**

try – tr**IED**

3b. Do not change the **-y** when the base form ends in a vowel **+y**. Add **-ED**

play – play**ED**

enjoy – enjoy**ED**

4. If the verb ends in **Consonant + Vowel + Consonant** and the syllable is stressed, we double the final consonant and add **ED**.

stop – sto**PPED**

plan – pla**NNED**

*listen – listen**ED**

*visit – visit**ED**



PAST SIMPLE - FORM

NEGATIVE

- We make the negative form of the past simple like this:

SUBJ + DID NOT (DIDN'T) + BASE FORM

I didn't visit New York last summer because I was ill.

She didn't tell her friend the truth.



PAST SIMPLE - FORM

INTERROGATIVE

- We make the interrogative form of the past simple like this:

[QUESTION WORD] + DID + SUBJ + BASE FORM?

Did they write to Tom?

When did Shakespeare die?

SHORT ANSWERS

Yes, I / he / she / they **did**

No, I / you / it / we **didn't**



PAST SIMPLE – TO BE

POSITIVE

I	was	famous.
You	were	
He / She / It	was	
We	were	
You	were	
They	were	

NEGATIVE

I	wasn't	famous.
You	weren't	
He / She / It	wasn't	
We	weren't	
You	weren't	
They	weren't	

INTERROGATIVE

Was	I	famous?
Were	you	
Was	he / she / it	
Were	we	
Were	you	
Were	they	

(+) SHORT ANSWER

Yes,	I was.
	you were.
	he / she / it was.
	we were.
	you were.
	they were.

(-) SHORT ANSWER

No,	I wasn't.
	you weren't.
	he / she / it wasn't.
	we weren't.
	you weren't.
	they weren't.



PAST SIMPLE – USE

- We use the Past Simple for finished past actions.

Liz lived in London two years ago. She had a fantastic time there.

(Liz doesn't live in London now).

- We use the Past Simple to list a series of completed actions in the past. To tell a story or to talk about history.

He arrived from the airport at 8:00, checked into the hotel at 9:00, and met the others at 10:00.



PAST SIMPLE – SIGNAL WORDS

The typical time expression for Past Simple are:

- Yesterday
- Two days / one week / fifteen minutes AGO
- LAST August / weekend / year
- In 2002 / On 21st July 1897 (DATES)