



Past Tense

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Past Tense- use



We use past simple for:

1. A single completed action in the past.

Ex: He died in 1539

2. Repeated actions

Ex: He learned several American languages.



3. A series of actions (when one thing happens after the other in the past)

EX: We **arrived** in Rome at eleven o'clock and **took** a taxi to Franco's apartment. Then we **went** to the square and looked round the shops, but we **didn't buy** anything.

4. Situations that finished in the past

Ex: Children didn't have so many electronic toys when I was young.

Past Tense- Form



Regular verbs

Very often the past simple ends in **-ed** (regular verbs):

- ☞ We invit**ed** them to our party but they decid**ed** not to come.
- ☞ The police stop**ped** me on my way home last night.
- ☞ She pass**ed** her examination because she studi**ed** very hard

Past Tense- Irregular verbs



But many verbs are irregular. The past simple does not end in **ed**. For example:

Write → wrote

See → saw

Go → went

Shut → shut

Ex:

We saw Rose in town few days ago.

I went to the cinema three times last week.

Simple Past- Interrogative Forms



Questions

Use *did* + subject + base form for *yes/no* questions in the simple past, except for the verb *be*.

Ex: **Did** you **see** him last night?

Was he a student?

Practice



☞ A friend has just come back from holiday. You ask him about it. Write your questions.

Exercise:

- ☞ 1. stay/ hotel _____?
- ☞ 2. meet any body interesting _____?
- ☞ 3. go/ alone _____?
- ☞ 4. work/ yesterday _____?

Check your answers



1. Did you stay at a hotel?
2. Did you meet anybody interesting?
3. Did you go alone?
4. Did you work yesterday?

Interrogative

WH- Word	Did	Subject	Base Form of Verb
When	did	She	arrive?
What	did	you	do at the weekend?
Why	did	She	get angry?
Where	did	you	go yesterday?

Practice



✎ Write your questions.

Exercise 2

1. Where/go _____ ?
2. How/ travel _____ ?
3. How long/ stay there _____ ?
4. What/ do in the evenings _____ ?

Check your answers



1. Where did you go?
2. How did you travel?
3. How long did you stay?
4. What did you do in the evenings?

Past Tense-Negative



∞ In negatives we use didn't + infinitive
(enjoy / see / go)

Ex: I **didn't enjoy** the film much.

Ex: They **didn't invite** her to the party , so she **didn't go**.

Practice



☞ Complete the sentences. Put the verb in the correct form, positive or negative.

☞ 1. The film wasn't very good. I _____ it very much. (enjoy)

☞ 2. I was very tired, so I _____ to bed early. (go)

☞ 3. It was warm, so I _____ off my coat. (take)

Check your answers



❧ 1. The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it very much.

❧ 2. I was very tired, so I **went** to bed early.

❧ 3. It was warm, so I **took** off my coat

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