

Past simple Tense

We use the past tense to talk about

- ✓ Something that happened once in the past
- ✓ Something that happened again and again in the past
- ✓ Something that was true for some time in the past

Example

- ✓ I lived abroad for ten years
- ✓ He enjoyed being a student
- ✓ I spoke with my friends the last night

In English, you can find two kinds of verbs: Regular and Irregular
for that reason you have to know the next rules

Regular Verbs

Spelling Rules

Rule 1. Add - ED

To the base form of most verbs

Start → Started

finish → finished

Wash → Washed

Rule 2. Add - D

When the base form ends in an E

live → lived

die → died

Care → Cared

Rule 3. Consonant +

If the verb ends in a consonant + y, change the y to I

Dry → dried

Carry → Carried

Spy → Spied

Rule 4.

If the verb ends in a vowel + y, do no change the y

Pray → prayed

Stay → Stayed

destroy → destroyed

Rule 5.

If the verb has one syllable and ends in a consonant + vowel + Consonant
double the final consonant and add -ed

Stop → stopped

Rule 6.

Don't not double final w or x

Sew → Sewed

Mix → Mixed

Irregular verbs

Example

The irregular verbs don't have rulers, for that reason you have to learn

Present	Past	Participle
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Hold	Held	Held
Leave	left	left

Activity

- ✓ Mary lived in Paris ten years ago
- ✓ She worked as a teacher there
- ✓ Her flat was near the Sacre Coeur
- ✓ She could see the tower Eiffel from her window
- ✓ Her flatmate was Antoine. He was a painter
He painted beautiful portraits
- ✓ Mary had a small green car. She drove her car to work every day but she rode her bike on Sundays
- ✓ Mary eated crepes every day. They was delicious she something drinked some red wine. She don't eat cango
- ✓ Mary don't like snails
- ✓ Her best friend Anette lived in Versailles. Mary sometimes visited her. They played tennis or goed on picnics. On rainy days they played cards or watched a film

Arent firefighters cool?

Yesterday I was playing videogames in my room when I heard people screaming. I went out and saw my neighbors house was on fire

In less than 10 minutes the fireman arrived and fought against the fire for one hour until they made it. Wow they are really brave one of them entered the house and saved the Johnsons dog that was trapped in the fire

I made decision: I want to be a fireman when I grow up I'll be strong and brave enough to fight against the fire to save people's lives and property. I can't wait I can already see it in the newspaper: Brave Fireman rescues a family of four Mom will be really proud

Mark true T or false F

The boy's house was on fire (F)

the boy thinks the fireman are brave (T)

He admired the firefighters (T)

it took long the fireman to arrive (F)

it took one hour to extinguish the fire (T)

the boy's neighbor have a pet (T)

A fire man saved the dog life (T)

The boy wants to be a firefighter when he grows up (T)

- a What was the boy doing when the neighbors house caught fire?
- b Did he want to be a fireman before that day?
- c Why did he decide to be a fireman in the future?
- d What qualities does he think are essential for being a fireman?
- e What can he already see in the news paper?
- f Who do you think the newspaper is referring to?

Solution

- a the boy was playing video games
- b no, he didn't want to be a fireman
- c He wanted to be a fireman to save lives, property and pets
- d Strong and Brave
- e a brave fireman rescues a family of four
- f The boy
- g So proud

Complete the following text using the past tense of the verbs in brackets

Anna's holiday was great last summer. She stayed in a college in England for two weeks. She had classes in the morning and in the afternoons she was some sport like swimming or tennis.

In the evenings she often went to some interesting places. Once they visited Marwell Zoo where they saw some beautiful animals. Anna didn't like the food at the college but that wasn't a problem. She met a lot of people and learned some English. All the students in her class were sorry to go home. They all promised to come back next summer.