

Past Simple

is a verb tense which is used to show that a completed action took place at a specific time in the past. The simple past is also frequently used to talk about past habits and generalizations

Example = I went to the shopping yesterday. (go)

* The students studied for the last exam. (study)

I bought a house

• Past Simple Tense

We use the past tense to talk about

- 1) Something that happened once in the past
- 2) Something that happened again and again in the past
- 3) Something that was true for some time in the past

Example = I lived abroad for ten years

He enjoyed being a student

She played a lot of tennis when she was younger

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

1. Add -ed

to the base form of most verbs

Start - started

Finish - finished

Wash - washed

2. Add only -d

When the base form ends in an e

Live - lived

Care - cared

Die - died

3. If the verb ends in a consonant

+ y, change the y to i and add -ed

Dry - dried

Carry - carried

Spy - spied

4. If the verb ends in a vowel + y, do not change the y just add -ed

Pray - prayed

Stay - stayed

Destroy - destroyed

5. If the verb has one syllable and ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add -ed

Stop - stopped

6. Do not double final W or S

Sew - Sewed

Mix - Mixed

Irregular Verbs

Example: The irregular verbs don't have rules, for that reason you have to learn

Present (infinitive)	Past	Participle
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Hold	Held	Held
Leave	Left	Left

Run - Ran

Have - Had

Write the past form of the verbs in brackets

Mary lived (live) in Paris ten years ago

She worked (work) as a teacher there

Her flat was (be) near the Sacré-Cœur

She could (can) see the Tower Eiffel from her window

Her flatmate was (be) Antoine. He was (be) a painter

He Painted (paint) beautiful portraits

Mary had (have) a small green car. She drove

(drive) the car to work every day but she rode her bike on Sundays (ride)

Mary ate (eat) crepes every day. They were (be) delicious. She sometimes drank (drink) some red wine. She did not eat (not eat) scargo. Mary didn't like (not like) snails

Her best friend Anette lived (live) in Versailles. Mary sometimes visited (visit) her. They played (play) tennis or went (go) on picnics. On rainy days they played (play) cards or watched (watch) a film

Regular

Live

Work

Paint

Visit

Play

Watch

Be - was

Irregular

Ride

Go

Eat

Drive

Have

Be

Can

Drink

Not eat

Not like