

past simple tense

we use the past tense to talk about

- 1) something that happened once in the past:
- 2) something that happened 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 friend 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:

spelling rules

1 Add -ed to the base form of most verbs

start - started
finish - finished
wash - washed

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

play - played
stay - stayed
destroy - destroyed

2 Add only -d when the base form ends in an e.

live - lived
carry - carried
die - died

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
war x
sew - sewed
mix - mixed

3 If the verb ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i and add -ed

ed Dry - dried
carry - carried
spy - spied

IRREGULAR VERBS

example: the irregular verbs don't have rules, for that reason you have to learn.

Present (Infinitive)	Past	past participle
speak	spoke	spoken
drink	drank	drunk
hold	held	held
leave	left	left

begin - began
run - ran
have - had
fly - flew
buy - bought

write the past of the verbs in brackets

Mary **lived** in Paris ten years ago (live)
 She **worked** as a teacher. Her car **was** (be)
 Her flat **was** near the centre. Eiffel tower **was** built from her window (can)
 She **could** see the tower to her. He **was** a painter. (be)
 The flatmate **was** (be) beautiful portraits.
 Her **flatmate** (paint) a small green car. She **drove** (drive) on Sundays
 He **had** (have) every day but she **rode** her bike (be)
 Mary **had** to work every day (eat) they **were** delicious I **ate** (be)
 her car to work every day (eat) they **were** delicious I **ate** (be)
 Mary **ate** crepes every day (eat) they **were** delicious I **ate** (be)
 She **sometimes** **drank** (drink) some red wine. She **and** **ate** (be)
 Mary **didn't** like (not like) snails. Her best friend **played** (play) cards or watched
 Many **sometimes** **visited** (visit) her. They **played** (play) cards or watched
 on picnics, on rainy days they **played** (play) cards or watched
 (watch) a film.

Affirmative sentences

subject verb in past
 I spoke
 you spoke
 she spoke
 it spoke
 we spoke
 they spoke
 you spoke

Complement

with my mother

John **was** a letter to his mother
 Mary **travelled**
 I **spelt** all wrong
 verb

Negative sentences

subject verb in past
 I didn't speak
 you didn't speak
 she didn't speak
 it didn't speak
 we didn't speak
 they didn't speak
 you didn't speak

Completed

with my mother

Peter **lost** his bike
 Peter **didn't** ride his bike
 verb in present

Analysing an negative

Didn't I did not

speak

Subject

- I
- you
- He
- she
- it
- we
- they
- you

Ivarna ate some apples yesterday
 Juanita did not eat some apples yesterday

Question

Auxiliary	Subject	verb in present	complement + ?
Did	I You He she it we they you	Speak	with my mother ?

Luisa forgot the homework
Did Luisa forget the homework ?

Luisa played the guitar
Did Luisa play the guitar ?

You did the exercise
Did you do the exercise ?

Andrew checked out the promotions
Did Andrew check out the promotions ?

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 firemen 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 a decision: I want to be a fireman when I grow up. I will 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

Mark true (T) or false (F) when it's false

You'll have to justify your answer orally.

The boy's house was on fire. (F)

The boy thinks the firemen are brave. (T)

He admires the firefighters. (T)

It took long for the firemen to arrive. (F)

It took one hour to extinguish the fire. (T)

The boy's neighbors have a pet. (T)

A fireman saved the dog's life. (T)

The boy's wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up (+)
He wants to be as strong and brave as the fire fighters (+)

Answer the questions:

What was the boy doing when the neighbor's house caught fire?
R/ He was playing videogames

Did he want to be a fireman before that day?
R/ No, he didn't want to be a fireman

Why did he decide to be a fireman in the future?
R/ Because he admires the fireman

What qualities does he think are essential for being a fireman?
R/ They are strong and brave

What can he already see in the newspaper?
R/ A brave fireman rescues a family of four

Who do you think the newspaper is referring to?
R/ The boy

How does the boy think his mother will feel? Do you agree with him?
R/ So proud

1 complete the following texts using the past tense of the verbs in brackets

Anna's holiday was (be) great last summer. She stayed (stay) in a college in England for two weeks. She had (have) classes in the morning and in the afternoons she did (do) some sports like swimming or tennis.

In the evenings she often went (go) dancing or watched (watch) films. Her new friend

At weekends they drove (drive) to some interesting places. One day they visited (visit) Marwell Zoo where they saw (see) some beautiful animals. Anna didn't like (not like)

the food at the college, but that wasn't (not be) a problem. She met (meet) a lot of people and was (be) sorry to go home. They all promised (promise) to come back next summer.

2. correct the mistakes in the sentences

1. she didn't saw my grandma

R/ she didn't see my grandma

2. The police catched them

R/ The police caught them

3. Many people died in the earthquake

R/ many people died in the earthquake

4. did she walked alone

R/ did she walk alone?

5. celia and i was best friends

R/ celia and i were best friends

6. He losted his job

R/ He lost his job

7. I goed to zagreb yesterday

R/ I went to zagreb yesterday

8. My father tryed to repair his car yesterday afternoon.

R/ My father tried to repair his car yesterday afternoon.

9. sorah weren't happy last year

R/ sorah wasn't happy last year

10. she didn't sold her house

R/ she didn't sell her house