

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.

Examples

- I went to the shopping yesterday (go)
- The student studied for the last exam (study)

I buy a house

Spelling Rules

1 Add -ed
To the base form of regular verbs
stop - stoped
wash - washed
walk - walked

2 Add only -d
When the base form ends in an e
love - loved
care - cared
ste - steed

3 In the verb ends in a consonant + y
Change the y to i and add -ed
dry - dried
conv - converted
cry - cried

4 In the verb ends in a vowel + y
Change the v. Just add -ed
play - played
stay - stayed
donor - donated

5 If the verb has one syllable and is in a Consonant Vowel Consonant (CVC)
Double the final consonant of odd - ed
stop - stopped
6 Do not double final
or x
saw - sawed
mix - mixed

Irregular Verbs

- Speak	Spoke
- Drink	Drank
- Hold	Held
- Leave	Left
- Run	Ran

Activity

- Mary lived in Paris ten years ago
- She worked as a teacher there
- Her flat was near the soccer cover
- She could see the Tower Eiffel from her window
- Her favorite was Antonio. He was a painter
- He painted beautiful portraits
- Mary had a small green car. She drove her car to work every day but she gave her gifts on Sundays
- Mary ate grapes every day. They were delicious, she sometimes ate some red when she didn't eat orange. Mary didn't like snails
- Her best friends are the three Versailles. Mary some paper visited her. They played tennis or cards on Saturdays. On rainy days they

Regular Verbs	Irregular Verbs
- lived	- was - be
- worked	- could - can
- painted	- had - have
- visited	- drove - drive
- played	- rode - ride
- walked	- ate - eat
	- were - be
	- drank - drink
	- went - go

Affirmative Sentences

Subject **Verb** **in Past Tense** **Object** **Complement**

I				
you				
he				
she	Spoke			with my mother
it				
we				
they				
you				

Negative Sentences

Subject **Verb** **in Past Tense** **Object** **Complement**

I				
you				
he				
she	didn't speak			with my mother
it				
we				
they				
you				

Question

Subject	Verb	Object	Complement
I			
you			
he			
she	Spoke		with my mother
it			
we			
they			
you			

Are Firefighters cool?

Yes today I was playing videogame in my room when I heard people screaming. I went to my neighbor's house. In less than 10 minutes the fireman arrived and fought against the fire. In less than 10 minutes they were out. I was so proud. I made a decision. I want to be a fireman when I grow up. I'll be strong and have enough to fight against the fire, to save people's lives and property. I can wait. I can already see it in the newspaper: "Brave fireman rescues a family of four". Mom will be really proud.

The boy's house was on fire. The boy thinking the fireman are brave. He admires the firefighters. It took long the fireman to arrive. It took one hour to extinguish the fire. The boy's neighbors have a pet. A fireman saved the dog. The boy wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up. He wants to be as strong and brave as the firefighters.

Answer to Questions

- What was the boy doing when the neighbor's nose caught fire?
 - He was playing videogames.
- Did he want to be a fireman before that day?
 - No, he decided to be a fireman on that day.
- Why did he decide to be a fireman in the future?
 - Because he admires the fireman.
- What qualities does he think are essential for being a fireman?
 - He thinks they must be brave and strong.
- What can he already see in the newspaper?
 - A brave fireman rescues a family of four.
- Who do you think his mother will feel? Do you agree with him?
 - He thinks she'll feel proud.

Activity

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

In the evenings she often went dancing or watched films with her new friends.

At weekends they drove to some interesting places. One 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 learnt some English. All the students in her class were sorry to go home. They all promised to come back next summer.