

## 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: 1) I went to the shopping yesterday. (go)

## 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:

### spelling rules

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 change ~~the~~ <sup>dy</sup>  
dried

Dry - Dried

carry - carried

Spy - Spied

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

Play - Played

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

work

sew - sewed

mix - mixed

## Regular verb

study - studied

play

## irregular verbs

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

Present (infinitive)	Past	Participle
speak	spoke	
drink	drank	
hold		
leave		

write the past form of the verbs in brackets

Mary lived in Paris ten years ago. (live)

She worked as a teacher there. (work)

Her flat was near the Sacre Coeur. (be)

She could see the tower Eiffel from her window. (can)

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)

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

Mary had (have) a small green day. (eat) They

ate delicious! (be) She sometimes was

(drink) some red wine. She played (play) tennis or

got (go) on picnics on fair days. They played

(play) cards or watched (watch) a film.