

The simple past is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that happened or existed before now.

**Time expressions:**

yesterday, a week (month, year) ago, last (month, year, weekend, Monday) night, the day before yesterday, two days (months, years) ago.

**Examples:**

- I visited a client in London yesterday.
- She planned the event all by herself.
- I didn't talk to John yesterday.
- He didn't steal those ideas from the company.
- You didn't show me the photos from the wedding.
- Ron did not sign the document.
- Did you ask Tina to go out with you?
- Did the employees stay late again last night?
- Did Rob finish his assignment yesterday?



**AFFIRMATIVE**

**NEGATIVE**

**INTERROGATIVE**

Subject – verb – complement

Subject- didn't - verb in infinitive-complement.

Did – subject – verb in infinitive – complement.

**What did you do on vacations?**

I went to the cormende apicala on the holidays where my grandparents and aya spent about a week and then we went to pisilago and when we left pisilago we returned to bogota here we went to play soccer we also went to the movies I also went out with my girl friend we also went out with my cousins and best friend we were also playing on cell phones with my cousins and my girlfriend

## MARTIN'S VACATION

Martin had a terrible day yesterday. It was the day of his vacation to Spain but it was a nightmare. He left the house at 10 o'clock in the morning and caught a taxi to the airport.

Martin went to the check-in with his luggage. When the man who worked for the airline asked for his passport, Martin became very upset. Where was his **passport**? Martin realized he didn't have his passport with him. What a disaster!

He jumped back into the taxi and told the driver to take him home. The driver drove **quickly** and Martin arrived back at his house in twenty minutes.

He ran into the house and went into his bedroom. He found his passport on the bedside table and left the house again. But the taxi wasn't there! Where was the taxi!

Martin **jumped** up and down angrily. "I don't believe it. The taxi left!" he shouted. He ran down the **street** and **looked** for another taxi.

After a **few** minutes, Martin found another taxi and told the driver to take him to the airport as quickly as possible. The traffic on the roads was very bad and, **unfortunately**, Martin's taxi arrived at the airport late. His plane left for Spain at 11.30 and Martin **missed** it. He was very sad and went to speak to the airline. They promised to get him a seat on an evening **flight** and Martin went home on another taxi to wait.



### *In your notebook*

1 Answer the following questions according to previous reading in your notebook.

- Where was Martin going on vacation?
- What time did he leave the house?
- How did he get to the airport?
- When did he realize that he didn't have his passport?
- How long did it take to go back to his house in the taxi?
- Where was the passport?
- What did Martin discover when he went back outside?

## MY NAME IS BOND... JAMES BOND

Sean Connery was born in Scotland in 1930. He left school at an early age and when he was sixteen, he joined the Navy. He had many jobs including laborer, lifeguard, model for art classes, bricklayer and milkman. Sean was interested in body building and he participated in the 1953 Mr. Universe Contest, in which he came 3rd. When he was 32 years old he performed as Agent 007 in the first Bond film Dr. No. After this movie he played in most famous 007 movies: Goldfinger, from Russia with love and Never say never again.

Today, most people think Sean Connery was the best Bond of all, because he was rude, elegant and talented.

### DATES AND FACTS

### JOB BEFORE BEING A STAR

1930

Sean Connery was born in

Laborer.

1946

He joined the Navy.

lifeguard

1953

he participated in Mr. Universe contest

model for

1962

1 - Shoot a movie

## REGULAR VERBS

Join - Joined  
 Love - loved  
 play - played  
 participate - participated  
 performe - performed

## IRREGULAR VERBS

leave - left  
 to be - was  
 think -  
 come - come  
 have - had

3 Write the correct form of the verb in simple past.

- I read a great book last week. (read)
- Did Adam leave the jacket that he found at the party? (find / leave)
- Why didn't you wait for me at the bar yesterday evening? (not wait)
- I waited for over an hour, but you never showed up! (wait / show)
- My friends flew to New Delhi via Mumbai a week ago. (fly)
- Teresa caught the last train, didn't she? (catch)
- The sunset was beautiful last night. (be)
- Did they meet the client's deadline yesterday? (meet)
- When did he graduate from med school? (graduate)
- Ella tried to get a hold of you, but you were not home. (try/not be)

4 Classify the verbs into regular and irregular ones:

Phone - speak - play - cut - put - read - dance - fly - wait - catch -  
 meet - graduate - fry - be - write - get up - pick up - teach - think - tell  
 - visit - plan - talk - walk

REGULAR

- Phone - phoned
- play - played
- dance - danced
- wait - waited
- answered - answered
- Arrived - Arrive

IRREGULAR

- Speak - speak
- cut - cut
- put - put
- read - read
- beat - beat
- began - begin

**PAST PROGRESSIVE**

The past progressive (or past continuous) is used for actions that were happening at a specific time in the past. Like the present continuous, it is formed with the auxiliary verb "to be" and the verb + ing.

To form the past progressive, the auxiliary verb "to be" and the verb + ing are used. The auxiliary verb "to be" is in the past simple, but keep in mind that "to be" is an irregular verb.

	STRUCTURE	EXAMPLES
<b>AFFIRMATIVE</b>	Sujeto + was / were + verbo (-ing) + (complemento)	When I saw them they were sitting at a café.
<b>NEGATIVE</b>	Sujeto + was / were + not + verbo (-ing) + (complemento)	What did you say? I wasn't listening.
<b>INTERROGATIVE</b>	Was / Were + sujeto + verbo (-ing) + (complemento)?	What were you talking about?