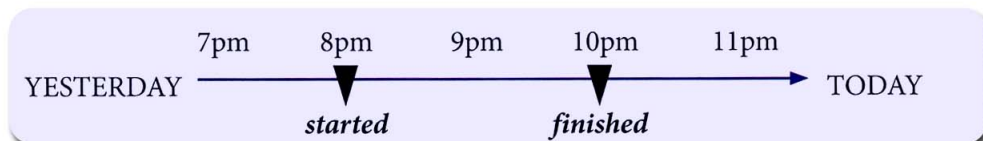


Past simple (regular verbs): affirmative

I watched

- We use the past simple to describe finished events in the past.



Yesterday I **watched** a great film on TV.
It **started** at 8pm and **finished** at 10pm.

- Regular verbs: add *-ed* to form the past simple

watch + ed start + ed

<i>I started</i>	<i>he started</i>	<i>we started</i>
<i>you started</i>	<i>she started</i>	<i>they started</i>
	<i>it started</i>	

John **played** football last week.

The bus **arrived** at 9.30.

In 1998 I **decided** to move to Australia.

Yesterday I **walked** to school.

Kate **stayed** in Turkey last summer.

Spelling

- One-syllable verbs: double the final consonant.

fit → *fitted*

stop → *stopped*

- One-syllable verbs ending consonant + *y*: change *y* to *i*.

cry → *cried*

try → *tried*

- One-syllable verbs ending vowel + *y* do not change.

play → *played*

stay → *stayed*

- Two-syllable verbs: double the final consonant when the stress is on the last syllable.

admit → *admitted*

- Two-syllable verbs with the stress on the first syllable do not double the final consonant.

answer → *answered*

Other regular verbs

<i>answer</i>	<i>listen</i>	<i>start</i>	<i>arrive</i>	<i>live</i>	<i>stop</i>
<i>decide</i>	<i>marry</i>	<i>turn</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>watch</i>

GRAMMAR 7 PAST SIMPLE (REGULAR): AFFIRMATIVE

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

My day yesterday

- 1 My mother (call) *called* me at 7.00.
- 2 I (wash) and (dress) very quickly.
- 3 I (walk) to school.
- 4 After school I (watch) television.
- 5 Then I (play) basketball with my friends.
- 6 At 8.30 we (finish) the game.
- 7 Before bedtime I (phone) my friend.

2 Complete the paragraph with the past simple form of the verbs from the box.

arrive continue finish listen play start talk work

My first day at school

I remember my first day at school in 2001! I (1) *arrived* at 8.30 and
(2) lessons at 9.00. We (3) from 9.00 to 12.00.
The teachers (4) to us a lot! Then we (5) basketball
for an hour. In the afternoon we (6) the lessons and
(7) to the teacher carefully. Then at 3.30 the lessons
(8) It was a long and tiring day!

3 Change the sentences into past simple sentences.

- 1 Tom looks out of the window.
Tom looked out of the window.
- 2 We arrive at 6.30.
.....
- 3 Laura watches television all afternoon.
.....
- 4 The bus stops at the end of the street.
.....
- 5 I visit an old castle on Saturday.
.....
- 6 Sue waits for her friends for more than an hour.
.....
- 7 They decide to come to my party.
.....

Past simple (regular verbs): negative *I didn't start* and questions *did you start?*

Negative

We use *did not* or *didn't* when we make negatives in the past simple. We put *did not* after the pronoun *I, you, he* etc. We do not add *-ed*.

*I **didn't start** learning English last year. I started this year.*

<i>I did not start</i>	<i>he did not start</i>	<i>we did not start</i>
<i>I didn't start</i>	<i>he didn't start</i>	<i>we didn't start</i>
<i>you did not start</i>	<i>she did not start</i>	<i>they did not start</i>
<i>you didn't start</i>	<i>she didn't start</i>	<i>they didn't start</i>
	<i>it did not start</i>	
	<i>it didn't start</i>	

Yes/No Questions

We use *did* when we make questions in the past simple. We put *did* before the pronoun *I, you, he* etc. We do not add *-ed*.

***Did you start** learning English last year?*

<i>Did I start?</i>	<i>Did he start?</i>	<i>Did we start?</i>
<i>Did you start?</i>	<i>Did she start?</i>	<i>Did they start?</i>
	<i>Did it start?</i>	

***Did they arrive** yesterday? No, they **didn't arrive** yesterday. They **arrived** on Monday.*

***Did you finish** your homework? No, I **didn't finish** my homework. It **was** very difficult.*

Wh- questions

*When **did** you **start** learning English?*

*When **did** you **finish** your homework?*

*When **did** you **start** school? I **started** school in 1993.*

→ SEE ALSO

Grammar 34: Yes/no questions and short answers

Grammar 35: Wh- questions

GRAMMAR 8 PAST SIMPLE (REGULAR): NEGATIVE AND QUESTIONS

1 Change the sentences into negative sentences.

- 1 Our bus arrived on time.
Our bus didn't arrive on time......
- 2 Sue phoned last night.
.....
- 3 Maria finished work early yesterday.
.....
- 4 The train stopped at Harry's station.
.....
- 5 I wanted to go to bed early.
.....
- 6 Carlos answered my letter.
.....
- 7 John invited lots of people to his party.
.....
- 8 The shops opened on Sunday.
.....
- 9 Peter liked his new shoes.
.....

2 Change the statements into questions.

- 1 Tim arrived at 2.00.
Did Tim arrive at 2.00?.....
- 2 Sam phoned home.
.....
- 3 Helen wanted to make a phone call.
.....
- 4 Paul visited the doctor.
.....
- 5 Bill missed the bus.
.....
- 6 George walked to school.
.....
- 7 Jim opened the window.
.....
- 8 Emma helped the teacher.
.....
- 9 Alice washed her hair.
.....

Past simple (irregular verbs): affirmative

I went

Irregular verbs do not have *-ed* endings for the past simple. Each verb has its own form and we have to learn these forms.

go	→	went	eat	→	ate
come	→	came	do	→	did
have	→	had	get	→	got
take	→	took	bring	→	brought

go	eat
I went	I ate
you went	you ate
he went	he ate
she went	she ate
it went	it ate
we went	we ate
they went	they ate

Last week we **went** to the cinema.
Yesterday I **drank** ten colas.

Pedro **ate** 10 cakes yesterday.
We **made** dinner last night.

Task

Complete the list. Use the words from the box.

sent got did knew ~~began~~ flew brought took went had
came told gave stood met made found wore drank ran

Verb	Past simple	Verb	Past simple
begin	<u>began</u>	have	.....
bring		know	.....
come		make	.....
do		meet	.....
drink		run	.....
find		send	.....
fly		stand	.....
get		take	.....
give		tell	.....
go		wear	.....

Now check your answers. Look at the list of irregular verbs on page 248.

GRAMMAR 9 PAST SIMPLE (IRREGULAR): AFFIRMATIVE

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The last lesson (begin) *began* at 2.30.
- 2 Joe (feel) ill after lunch.
- 3 Suddenly a bird (fly) in the window!
- 4 I think you (do) the wrong thing.
- 5 Jane (get) ready very quickly.
- 6 We (know) the answer.
- 7 The students (stand) up when the teacher arrived.
- 8 It was cold, but I (wear) two pullovers.
- 9 Anna (eat) two plates of spaghetti.
- 10 Rick (tell) us the time.

2 Choose the correct words to complete this article about Sally Green.

A day in the life of Sally Green

Yesterday was a normal day for Sally Green, the writer. She (1) ..*g*.. up at 6.00. She (2) to the bathroom, and then she (3) her clothes. After that she (4) breakfast and (5) the newspaper. Then she (6) her bed. From 7.00 to 10.00 she (7) in the living-room and (8) television. Then she (9) shopping. At 1.00 she (10) home and (11) her lunch. After lunch she (12) work. She (13) from 2.00 to 9.00. She (14) a lot of tea. Then she (15) her friends at a nightclub.

... A day in the life ■

- | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 A get | B gets | C got |
| 2 A went | B goed | C goes |
| 3 A put on | B putted on | C puts on |
| 4 A eat | B have | C ate |
| 5 A read | B saw | C readed |
| 6 A made | B make | C making |
| 7 A sat | B sit | C was |
| 8 A watches | B watched | C wached |
| 9 A does | B went | C did |
| 10 A comed | B come | C came |
| 11 A has | B had | C have |
| 12 A begin | B began | C began |
| 13 A writes | B write | C wrote |
| 14 A drinks | B drunk | C drank |
| 15 A meets | B met | C meet |

Past simple (irregular verbs): negative *We didn't go* and questions *Did you go?*

Negative

<i>I did not go</i>	<i>he did not go</i>	<i>we did not go</i>
<i>I didn't go</i>	<i>he didn't go</i>	<i>we didn't go</i>
<i>you did not go</i>	<i>she did not go</i>	<i>they did not go</i>
<i>you didn't go</i>	<i>she didn't go</i>	<i>they didn't go</i>
	<i>it did not go</i>	
	<i>it didn't go</i>	

We **didn't go** to school last week.

Sam **didn't eat** an ice-cream yesterday.

They **didn't give** Jack a present.

I **didn't have** breakfast.

Questions

<i>Did I go?</i>	<i>Did he go?</i>	<i>Did we go?</i>
<i>Did you go?</i>	<i>Did she go?</i>	<i>Did they go?</i>
	<i>Did it go?</i>	

Did you go to the cinema last night?

Did you send me a letter last week?

Where **did you go** yesterday?

What **did you do**?

In questions and negative sentences with *did/didn't*, the main verb is not in the past form.

I didn't go to the cinema last night.

I ~~didn't went~~ to the cinema. ✗



GRAMMAR 10 PAST SIMPLE (IRREGULAR): NEGATIVE AND QUESTIONS

1 Read the answers. Write a question for each answer.

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Did Nick fly to the USA?</i> | Yes, Nick flew to the USA. |
| 2 | ..... | Yes, Anna went to Italy. |
| 3 | ..... | Yes, Jack found the money. |
| 4 | ..... | Yes, Helen knew the answer. |
| 5 | ..... | Yes, Alex came to the party. |
| 6 | ..... | Yes, Pat brought the flowers. |
| 7 | ..... | Yes, Kate sent the letter. |
| 8 | ..... | Yes, Alan made the cake. |
| 9 | ..... | Yes, Tina wore a hat. |
| 10 | ..... | Yes, Rick felt ill. |

2 Change the statements into negative sentences.

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Tom and Anna had breakfast. <i>Tom and Anna didn't have breakfast.</i> |
| 2 | Mike took the bus. |
| 3 | Maria and Carlos did the homework. |
| 4 | Catherine got a prize. |
| 5 | Peter knew the teacher. |
| 6 | Sam went to university. |
| 7 | Paula ate a sandwich. |
| 8 | Murat and Soraya ran fast. |
| 9 | Joe made mistakes. |
| 10 | Carla came early. |

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | When (you, come) <i>did you come</i> to this country? |
| 2 | Jack (not, wear) his raincoat. |
| 3 | Pat (leave) his coat in the hall. |
| 4 | How many pages (you, write) ? |
| 5 | What (the teacher, say) ? |
| 6 | (you, not, tell) us your name. |
| 7 | (you, go) to the basketball match yesterday? |
| 8 | Ann (not, know) the other girl's name. |
| 9 | Which books (you, take) to school? |
| 10 | (Jane, not, get) any letters. |

Past simple of *be* *I was, you were*

Statements

At 8.00 last night I **was** at home.

<i>I was</i>	<i>he was</i>	<i>we were</i>
<i>you were</i>	<i>she was</i>	<i>they were</i>
	<i>it was</i>	

Dave and Sue **were** at the cinema last night.

It **was** very cold yesterday.

I **was** ill last week.

Negatives

We put *not* after *was/were* to make negatives. We also use the short forms *wasn't/ weren't*.

I **wasn't** here yesterday.

<i>I was not</i>	<i>he was not</i>	<i>we were not</i>
<i>I wasn't</i>	<i>he wasn't</i>	<i>we weren't</i>
<i>you were not</i>	<i>she was not</i>	<i>they were not</i>
<i>you weren't</i>	<i>she wasn't</i>	<i>they weren't</i>
	<i>it was not</i>	
	<i>it wasn't</i>	

Kate **wasn't** happy at work last year.

We **weren't** at home last night.

I **was** late yesterday.

Questions

We put *was* **before** *I, he, she, it*, and *were* **before** *you, we, they* to make questions.

Was it cold yesterday?

<i>Was I?</i>	<i>Was he?</i>	<i>Were we?</i>
<i>Were you?</i>	<i>Was she?</i>	<i>Were they?</i>
	<i>Was it?</i>	

Were you at home at 6.00 last night?

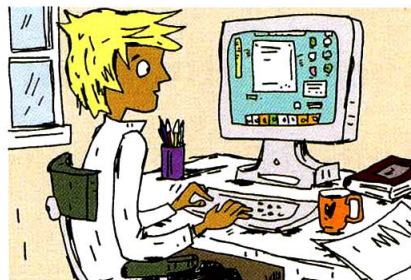
Was Harry in London yesterday?

Were you at school on Tuesday?

1 Look at the pictures and complete the questions and answers.



Helen: at the cinema



Nick: at work



Tom and Dan: at home



Liz and Jane: at school

- 1 was Helen at home yesterday?
Helen wasn't at home She was at the cinema
- 2 at school yesterday?
Tom and Dan
They
- 3 at home yesterday?
Nick He
- 4 at the cinema yesterday?
Liz and Jane
They

2 Use the prompts to make questions and negative sentences.

- 1 Jim / at home / last night was Jim at home last night ?
- 2 you / at school / on Monday ?
- 3 the cinema / open / on Sunday ?
- 4 all your friends / at your party ?
- 5 Kevin and Mel / at my party. Kevin and Mel weren't at my party
- 6 Nick / in class yesterday
- 7 It / warm yesterday
- 8 We / at the match yesterday