

The Simple Past

The –ed ending: pronunciation and spelling
Irregular verbs

Simple past: regular verbs

- **Use:**
- Use the Simple Past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past. Sometimes, the speaker may not actually mention the specific time, but they do have one specific time in mind. The Simple Past can also be used to describe a habit which stopped in the past.
- **Form:**
- We add the suffix –ed in + sentences.
- Example: *She played the violin very well last night.*
- We use DID or DIDN'T in ? and – sentences
- Example: *Did you call me yesterday? I didn't have my mobile on.*
- When answering: *Yes, I did. No, I didn't.*
- In the simple past, the verb does not change for the different subject pronouns.

POSITIVE

I played

You played

He played

We played

You played

They played

NEGATIVE

I did not play

You did not play

He did not play

We did not play

You did not play

They did not play

QUESTION

Did I play?

Did you play?

Did he play?

Did we play?

Did you play?

Did they play?

NEGATIVE QUESTION

Didn't I play?

Didn't you play?

Didn't he play?

Didn't we play?

Didn't you play?

Didn't they play?

The verb to be

<u>POSITIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
I was You were He was We were You were They were	I was not / wasn't You were not / weren't He was not / wasn't We were not / weren't You were not / weren't They were not / weren't
<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>NEGATIVE QUESTION</u>
Was I? Were you? Was he? Were we? Were you? Were they?	Wasn't I? Weren't you? Wasn't he? Weren't we? Weren't you? Weren't they?

Spelling of the ending -ed

- Verbs ending in consonant + y drop the y and add -ied
- E.g. cry → cried
- Verbs ending in one -e simply add -d
- E.g. move → moved
- One syllable verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant double the final consonant
- E.g. stop → stopped
- Except: verbs ending in -y,-w,-x
- E.g. snow → snowed, play → played, fix → fixed
- Verbs of two or more syllables ending in one vowel+ one consonant also double the final consonant if the stress is on the last syllable.
- E.g. prefer → preferred
- Except: travel → travelled, cancel → cancelled (UK English only)

Time expressions

- Frequency adverbs
- Yesterday, the day before yesterday...
- Last night, last week, last month, last year...
- The last time you called
- Two days ago, a week ago, 5 years ago...
- In 1999, in October, in the summer...
- At 7 o'clock, at midnight, in the evening...
- For a while, for some time, for a month...
- Lately, recently

Pronunciation of the –ed ending

- If the verb ends in the sound /t/ or /d/ we pronounce the ending /ɪd/
- E.g. fade → faded
- If the verb ends in a voiceless consonant other than /t/ we pronounce the ending /t/
- E.g. laugh → laughed
- If the verb ends in a voiced consonant other than /d/ or vowel sound we pronounce the ending /d/
- E.g. beg → begged, pray → prayed
- Voiceless consonants: /p/, /s/, /k/, /f/, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /θ/
- Voiced consonants: /b/, /g/, /v/, /z/, /ð/, /ʒ/, /dʒ/, /l/, /r/, /m/, /n/, /ŋ/

Exercise:

write the past tense of the following verbs and put them in the correct column.

discover – laugh – destroy – survive – crash – jump
visit – change – travel – introduce – need - worry

/d/	/t/	/id/
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- Discovered
- Destroyed
- Survived
- Travelled
- Worried
- Changed

- Laughed
- Crashed
- Jumped
- Introduced

- Visited
- Needed

Irregular verbs: All 3 forms are similar

Base Form	Past Simple Form	Past Participle Form	Phonetic Symbols
bet	bet	bet	bet
bid	bid	bid	bɪd
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast	brɔːdkæst
burst	burst	burst	bɜːst
cost	cost	cost	kɒst
cut	cut	cut	kʌt
hit	hit	hit	hɪt
hurt	hurt	hurt	hɜːt
let	let	let	let
put	put	put	pʊt
quit	quit	quit	kwɪt
set	set	set	set
shut	shut	shut	ʃʌt
split	split	split	splɪt
spread	spread	spread	spred

Past Simple and Past Participle are the same

Base Form		Past Simple Form	Past Participle Form	
bend	bend	bent	bent	bent
bring	brɪŋ	brought	brought	brɔ:t
build	bɪld	built	built	bɪlt
buy	baɪ	bought	bought	bɔ:t
catch	kætʃ	caught	caught	kɔ:t
creep	kri:p	crept	crept	krept
deal	diəl	dealt	dealt	delt

dig	dɪg	dug	dug	dʌg
feed	fi:d	fed	fed	fed
feel	fi:l	felt	felt	felt
fight	faɪt	fought	fought	fɔ:t
find	faɪnd	found	found	faʊnd
flee	fli:	fled	fled	fled
get	get	got	got (gotten)	gɒt
hang	hæŋ	hung	hung	hʌŋ
have	hæv	had	had	hæd
hear	hɪə	heard	heard	hɜ:d
hold	həʊld	held	held	held

keep	ki:p	kept	kept	kept
kneel	ni:l	knelt	knelt	nelt
lay	lei	laid	laid	leid
lead	li:d	led	led	led
leave	li:v	left	left	left
lend	lent	lent	lent	lent
light	laɪt	lit	lit	lit
lose	lu:z	lost	lost	lɒst
make	meɪk	made	made	meid
mean	mi:n	meant	meant	ment
meet	mi:t	met	met	met

pay	peɪ	paid	paɪd	peɪd
read	ri:d	read	red	red
say	seɪ	said	said	sed
seek	si:k	sought	sɔ:t	sɔ:t
sell	sel	sold	sɔld	səʊld
send	send	sent	sent	sent
shine	ʃaɪn	shone	ʃɒn	ʃɒn
shoot	ʃu:n	shot	ʃɒt	ʃɒt
sit	sɪt	sat	sæt	sæt
sleep	sli:p	slept	slept	slept
slide	slaɪd	slid	slɪd	slɪd
spend	spend	spent	spent	spent

spit	spit	spat	spat	spæt
stand	stænd	stood	stood	stud
stick	stik	stuck	stuck	stʌk
sting	stiŋ	stung	stung	stʌŋ
strike	straik	struck	struck	strʌk
sweep	swi:p	swept	swept	swept
swing	swiŋ	swung	swung	swʌŋ
teach	ti:tʃ	taught	taught	tɔ:t
tell	tel	told	told	təʊld
think	θiŋk	thought	thought	θɔ:t
understand	ʌndəstænd	understood	understood	ʌndəstud
weep	wi:p	wept	wept	wept
win	wiŋ	won	won	wʌn

Base Form and Past Simple are the same

beat	bi:t	beat	bi:t	beaten	bi:t ^ə n
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Base Form and Past Simple are the same

become	bi:kʌm	became	bi:keɪm	become	bi:kʌm
come	kʌm	came	keɪm	come	kʌm
run	rʌn	ran	ræn	run	rʌn

All forms are different

arise	əraɪz	arose	ər əʊz	arisen	əraɪz ^ə n
awake	əweɪk	awoke	əwəʊk	awoken	əw əʊ k ^ə n
be	bi:	was/were	wɒz/wɜ:	been	bi:n
begin	bɪɡɪn	began	bɪɡæn	begun	bɪɡʌn
bite	baɪt	bit	bɪt	bitten	bɪt ^{ən}
blow	bləʊ	blew	blu:	blown	bləʊn
break	breɪk	broke	brəʊk	broken	brəʊk ^{ən}
choose	tʃu:z	chose	tʃəʊz	chosen	tʃəʊz ^{ən}
do	du:	did	dɪd	done	dʌn
draw	drɔ:	drew	dru:	drawn	drɔ:n
drink	drɪnk	drank	drænk	drunk	drʌnk
drive	draɪv	drove	drəʊv	driven	draɪv ^{ən}

eat	i:t	ate	eɪt	eaten	i:t ^ə n
fall	f:ɔ:l	fell	fel	fallen	fɔ:l ^ə n
fly	flaɪ	flew	flu:	flown	fləʊn
forbid	fəbɪd	forbade	fəbeɪd	forbidden	fəbɪd ^ə n
forget	fəget	forgot	fəgɒt	forgotten	fəgɒt ^ə n
forgive	fəgɪv	forgave	fəgeɪv	forgiven	fəgɪv ^ə n
freeze	fri:z	froze	frəʊz	frozen	frəʊz ^ə n
give	gɪv	gave	geɪv	given	gɪv ^ə n
go	gəʊ	went	went	gone	gɒn
grow	grəʊ	grew	gru:	grown	grəʊn
hide	haɪd	hid	hɪd	hidden	hɪd ^ə n

know	nəʊ	knew	nju:	known	nəʊn
lie	laɪ	lay	leɪ	lain	leɪn
mistake	mɪsteɪk	mistook	mɪstʊk	mistaken	mɪsteɪk ^ə n
ride	raɪd	rode	rəʊd	ridden	rɪd ^ə n
ring	rɪŋ	rang	ræŋ	rung	rʌŋ
rise	raɪz	rose	rəʊz	risen	rɪz ^ə n
see	si:	saw	sɔ:	seen	si:n
sew	səʊ	sewed	səʊd	sewn	səʊn

shake	ʃeɪk	shook	ʃʊk	shaken	ʃeɪk ^ə n
show	ʃəʊ	showed	ʃəʊd	shown	ʃəʊn
shrink	ʃrɪŋk	shrank	ʃræŋk	shrunk	ʃrʌŋk
sink	sɪŋk	sank	sæŋk	sunk	sʌŋk
sing	sɪŋ	sang	sæŋ	sung	sʌŋ
speak	spi:k	spoke	spəʊk	spoken	spəʊk ^ə n
spring	sprɪŋ	sprang	spræŋ	sprung	sprʌŋ
steal	sti:l	stole	stəʊl	stolen	stəʊl ^ə n

stink	stɪŋk	stank	stæŋ	stunk	stʌŋ
swear	swea ^r	swore	swɔ: ^r	sworn	swɔ: ^r n
swim	swim	swam	swæm	swum	swʌm
take	teɪk	took	tʊk	taken	teɪk ^ə n
tear	tea ^r	tore	tɔ: ^r	torn	tɔ: ^r n
throw	θrəʊ	threw	θru:	thrown	θrəʊn
wake	weɪk	woke	wəʊk	woken	wəʊk ^ə n
wear	wea ^r	wore	wɔ: ^r	worn	wɔ: ^r n
write	raɪt	wrote	rəʊt	written	raɪt ^ə n

Confusing verbs

- Lie – lied – lied (mentir)
 - /laɪ/ - /laɪd/ - /laɪd/
 - lying
- Lie – lay – lain (estar tumbado)
 - /laɪ/ - /leɪ/ - /leɪn/
 - lying
- Lay – laid – laid (poner la mesa)
 - /leɪ / - /leɪd/ - /leɪd/
 - laying