

## Past Simple

### Form

The form of the Past Simple is the same for all persons.

#### Positive

I He/She/It We You They	Finished Left arrived	Yesterday. At 3 o'clock. Three weeks ago.
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#### Negative

I She They (etc.)	didn't	Finish leave	Yesterday. At 3 o'clock.
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#### Question

When	did	You He They (etc.)	Finish the report Get married
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#### Short answer

Did you enjoy the meal	Yes, we did. No, we didn't.
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### Use

The Past Simple is used to express:

- 1- a finished action in the past.  
We **met** in 2000.  
I **went** to Manchester last week.  
John **left** two minutes ago.

2 actions that follow each other in a story.

Mary **walked** into the room and **stopped**. She **listened** carefully. She **heard** a noise coming from behind the curtain. She **threw** the curtain open, and then she **saw** ...

3 a past situation or habit.

When I was a child, we lived in a small house by the sea. Every day I played on the beach with my brother.

This use is often expressed with used to.

We used to live in a small house I used to walk for miles ...

### **Spelling of verb + -ed**

1 Most verbs add -ed to the base form of the verb.

worked wanted helped washed

2 When the verb ends in -e, add -d.

liked used hated cared

3 If the verb has only one syllable, with one vowel + one consonant, double the consonant before adding -ed.

stopped planned robbed

But we write cooked, seated, and moaned because there are two vowels.

4 The consonant is not doubled if it is -y or -w.

played showed

5 In most two-syllable verbs, the end consonant is doubled if the stress is on the second syllable.

preferred admitted

But we write 'entered and 'visited because the stress is on the first syllable.

6 Verbs that end in a consonant + -y change the -y to -ied.

carried hurried buried

But we write enjoyed, because it ends in a vowel + -y.

There are many common irregular verbs p157.

**2 Read the story and the phrases below. Complete the story with the phrases.**

**a** had run a few miles

**b** had fought and won so many battles

**c** was still screaming

**d** had never heard such a terrible noise

**e** was sitting and sucking a piece of sugar

**f** had never heard of Wasis

### **The Tale of Gluskap and the Baby**

**Gluskap** the warrior was very pleased with himself because he (1)----- . He boasted to a woman friend: 'Nobody can beat me!'

'Really?' said the woman. 'I know someone who can beat you. His name is Wasis. Gluskap(2)----- . He immediately wanted to meet him and fight him. So he was taken to the woman's village. The woman pointed to a baby who (3)-----on the floor of a teepee.

'There,' she said. "That is Wasis. He is little but he is very strong? Gluskap laughed and went up to the baby. 'I am Gluskap. Fight me!' he shouted. Little Wasis looked at him for a moment, then he opened his mouth. 'Waaah! Waaah!' he screamed. Gluskap(4)----- . He danced a war dance and sang some war songs. Wasis

screamed louder. 'Waaah! Waaah! Waaah!' Gluskap covered his ears and ran out of the teepee. After he(5)-----, he stopped and listened. The baby(6)-----  
Gluskap the fearless was terrified. He ran on and was never seen again in the woman's village.

**T1/ Complete the sentences in the Past Simple.**

- 1- I ----- (play) tennis on Sunday.
- 2- Yesterday we ----- (have) lunch in the park
- 3- She ----- (do) her homework on the bus. (do)
- 4- I ----- ( not clean) my flat last weekend.
- 5- Where ----- he ----- (buy) his new computer?'

'He ----- (buy) it on the Internet.

- 6 'What ----- you ----- (do) last night?'

I ----- (not go) out. I ----- (go) to bed early.

**T2/ Reply to these lines with a question.**

'I went shopping yesterday?

'Really? (Where/go?) **Where did you go?**

2 'We went to that new Lebanese restaurant last night?

Mmm! (What/have?) -----

3 'We saw a lot of our friends in the coffee bar.

'Oh! (Who/see?)-----

4 'I played tennis at the weekend.

"Oh, really? (Where/play?) -----

5 'The picnic on Saturday was great!'

"Oh, good! (What time/leave?) -----