

# THE PAST SIMPLE TENSE

is mostly formed by adding **-ED** (play/played, want/wanted, call/called ...), or **-D** (live/lived; smile/ smiled; like/liked; ...)

but there are a lot of irregular verbs (speak/spoke, write/wrote, eat/ate, buy/bought, ...) that must be learned by heart. See a [list of 50 irregular verbs](#)

IRREGULAR VERBS			
DO <b>DID</b>	HAVE <b>HAD</b>	MAKE <b>MADE</b>	TAKE <b>TOOK</b>
CUT <b>CUT</b>	RUN <b>RAN</b>	GO <b>WENT</b>	WIN <b>WON</b>
LOSE <b>LOST</b>	BE <b>WAS/ WERE</b>	SEE <b>SAW</b>	PUT <b>PUT</b>

The past simple tense in English is used to talk about **completed events in the past**:

*She **worked** at McDonald's last summer.*

*We **bought** a new flat last week.*

*They **went** to the Alps in December.*

We use **DIDN'T** (did not) to make **negatives** with the past simple:

*She **didn't** watch TV yesterday.*

*She **didn't** buy anything for dinner.*

*She **didn't** do her homework on Sunday.*

Positive	Negative	Question
<b>verb+ed</b>	<b>didn't + verb</b>	<b>Did + (he) + verb</b>
<i>He <b>washed</b> his car.</i>	<i>He <b>didn't</b> wash his car.</i>	<i><b>Did</b> he wash his car?</i>

We use **DID** to make **questions** with the past simple:

***Did** Jágr play in yesterday's match?*

***Did** she arrive on time last Sunday?*

***Did** you eat spinach when you were young?*

Remember: We **often** start the **questions** in the past **with WHEN, WHERE, WHAT, WHY**

***When** did they start the match?*

***Where** did they meet?*

***What** did she buy on holiday?*

***Why** did you call them last night?*



**1. Complete the verbs in the correct past simple form.**

- a) They (want) ..... to catch the last train, but they (fail) .....
- b) A man (call) ..... an ambulance and they (arrive) ..... in 15 minutes.
- c) Shakespeare (write) ..... 39 plays.
- d) We (have) ..... a steak for dinner.
- e) Last night he (go) ..... to bed at midnight.
- f) She (buy) ..... a new handbag yesterday.
- g) They (do) ..... homework on Saturday.
- h) He (know) ..... that writing a love letter to her last night (be) ..... a silly thing.
- i) They (be) ..... in a difficult situation, but they (manage) ..... to work it out.

**2. Write-up Sticky Moments - from notes to full sentences - in two paragraphs, the first explaining some of the questions you need to ask for more information, the second your order of priority with a brief justification.**