

1 Present to past

	Present simple			Past simple		
+	I / You / We / They He / She / It	work works	for IBM.	I (etc.)	worked	for IBM.
-	I (etc.) He (etc.)	don't work doesn't			didn't work	
?	Do you (etc.)	work		Did you (etc.)	work	
	What time	does	the film finish?	What time	did	the film finish?

- The past simple is the same for all personal pronouns (I / he, etc.).
- Use *did* in **?** and *didn't* in **-**.

2 Past simple

+ Regular verbs

Present	Past	Spelling
watch play	watched played	+ ed
live smoke	lived smoked	+ d
stop	stopped	1 vowel + 1 consonant → double consonant
study	studied	consonant + y → ied

Pronunciation

voiced (e.g. play)	/d/	played lived studied
unvoiced (e.g. watch)	/t/	watched kissed stopped
ending /t/ and /d/ (e.g. want / need)	/ɪd/	wanted needed painted

+ Irregular verbs

Present	Past
I go	I went
I have	I had
I meet	I met
I see	I saw

- Verbs are only irregular in **+**.

- Regular and irregular verbs

I (etc.)	didn't	see a film arrive	yesterday.
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Did I (etc.)	see a film arrive	yesterday?	Yes, No,	I (etc.)	did. didn't.
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Contraction didn't = did not

- Use *didn't* + infinitive in negatives.
NOT ~~I didn't saw a film.~~
- Use *did* + infinitive in questions.
NOT ~~Did you saw ...?~~

Word order in questions

Q	A	S	I	
	Did	you	go out	last night?
Who	did	they	go	with?
What	did	Pam	do?	

- Remember: word order = **A S I** and **Q A S I**
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3 Past time expressions

He went to the USA	yesterday (afternoon). this morning, etc. last night / week / month / year. in 1989. two years ago.
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- Don't use *the*. NOT ~~the last year~~
- Time expressions can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.

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1 Present to past Complete.

	Present	Past
+	a We live in Jakarta.	We <i>lived</i> in Jakarta.
	b He lives in a flat.	He _____ in a flat.
-	c They don't need it.	They _____ need it.
	d She doesn't speak French.	She _____ speak French.
?	e _____ you have lunch?	_____ you have lunch?
	f What _____ she do?	What _____ she do?

Study tip

☞ **Compare tenses** Study the chart. Which has more forms? Present simple / Past simple.

2 Regular verbs: spelling Write the verbs in the past tense.

call <i>called</i>	close _____	love _____
stop _____	try _____	wash _____
work _____	worry _____	

3 Irregular verbs Complete.

Infinitive	Past tense	Negative
1 can	<i>could</i>	couldn't
2 get	_____	didn't get
3 _____	went	didn't _____
4 _____	_____	didn't have
5 leave	_____	didn't _____
6 _____	_____	didn't meet
7 _____	read	didn't _____
8 _____	_____	didn't say
9 see	_____	didn't _____
10 take	_____	didn't _____

4 Questions Complete the questions.

Remember **Q A S I**!

- Where *did you go*? Bali.
- Who _____ with? I went alone.
- Why _____ there? On business.

- How _____ there? By plane.
- How long _____? Four days.
- Where _____? In a five-star hotel.
- _____ any photos? Yes, I took a lot of photos.
- _____ a good time? Yes, I had a great time!

5 Regular and irregular verbs Complete with the verbs in the past.

(not) be cannot drive see get
(not) have play read stay watch look

- We *stayed* at home last night but we didn't _____ television. We _____ some computer games.
- I *saw* all *The Godfather* films and I _____ the book.
- We _____ 30 km to a famous restaurant but we _____ a very good meal.
- She _____ for her keys but she _____ find them.
- He _____ a taxi. Luckily it _____ very expensive.

6 Past time expressions Match the sentence halves.

- They worked in Sicily for c
- She was born thirty years
- We travelled to China in
- They got a new car
- Leonardo da Vinci was born on
- I didn't do very much last
- You spoke to her at

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| a 1994. |
| b April 15th, 1452. |
| c fifteen years. |
| d night. |
| e yesterday. |
| f half past eleven. |
| g ago. |