"Verb Tenses"

PAST SIMPLE

“REGULAR VERBS”
Know and learn...

**PAST SIMPLE - REGULAR VERBS**

POSITIVE FORM

- Let's watch this film-clip.

http://www.ilnostrolibroweb.it/inglese/grammar-lessons/video-lessons/

Remember...

-we use the past simple tense...

1) when we are talking about something that **continued for some time in the past**;

I worked in a restaurant three years ago.

2) when we are talking about something that happened **several times in the past**;

When I was a child, I **walked** to school.
3) when we are talking about an event that happened at a particular time in the past.

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**STRUCTURE**

- The regular verbs form the "past simple" by adding -ed to the base form of the verb.

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<th>+ -ED</th>
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<td>look</td>
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There is only one form of the verb in the past tense.

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<td>we</td>
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... played football yesterday.

Some exceptions!

These exceptions are dependent from the last letter of the base form of the verb.

- If the verb ends in -E, we add only -D to form the past simple.
Verb (base form) + -D

live  →  lived
save →  saved
change →  changed

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-If the verb ends in a consonant preceded by a single vowel, we double the final consonant and we add -ED to form the past simple.

Verb (base form) + final consonant + -ED

stop → stopped
plan → planned
flip → flipped

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-If the verb ends in -y preceded by a consonant, we change Y with I, then we add -ED.

Verb (base form y→ i) + -ED

study → studied
cry → cried
marry → married

Remember...
-If the verb ends in -y preceded by a vowel, we regularly add -ED.

play → played

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-If the verb ends in -L, we double the L and we add -ED.

Verb (base form) + -L + -ED

tavel → travelled
label → labelled

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PRONUNCIATION

We pronounce “t” after:
- voiceless sounds (suoni sordi, senza vibrazioni delle corde vocali): p, k, s, f and voiceless th sound.

We pronounce “d” after:
- voiced sounds (suoni sonori, con vibrazioni delle corde vocali e quelli vocalici): b, g, v, z, m, n, l, r; voiced th sound and all vowels.

We pronounce “id” after: d and t sounds.

Read, remember ... and write

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**ACTIVITIES**

-Copy, read and connect these verbs, then write the past simple tense and choose the correct pronunciation.

| arrivare | offer | “t” “d” “id” |
| offrire  | help  | “t” “d” “id” |
| aiutare  | arrive| “t” “d” “id” |
| rimanere | gather| “t” “d” “id” |
| aspettare | wait | “t” “d” “id” |
| cogliere | remain| “t” “d” “id” |
Read, choose and write the verb with the same meaning, then write the past simple and the correct pronunciation:

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<th>open</th>
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<td>hope</td>
<td>devide</td>
<td>stop</td>
<td>enter</td>
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Write:

girare
suonare
aprire
decidere
sperare
saltare
dividere
fermare
entrare
viaggiare

- Complete these sentences with the “past simple” of the verbs in brackets.

- I ………….. (study) French yesterday.

- We ………….. (watch) an interesting programme last night.

- Mark ………….. (stop) the car in front of the post-office.

- My parents ………….. (arrive) at half past six.

- Alison ………….. (walk) to school.

- Charles and Wendy ………….. (dance) at the party.

- We ………….. (hurry - affrettarsi) back home.

- I ………….. (arrive) in London at 10 o’clock in the morning.

- I was hungry so I ………….. (decide) to have a pizza in a
fast food restaurant.
- In the afternoon I ......................... (visit) the city centre and I ......................... (love) it a lot!
- My friend George ......................... (invite) me to a musical. They ......................... (play) the Lion king. I ......................... (enjoy) it very much.

- Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs in the box.

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<td>tidy</td>
<td>travel</td>
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- We ................... to Liverpool last Saturday.
- The girl ................... the door.
- She ................... a big bag.
- They ................... in a castle.
- Jason and Martin ................... tennis yesterday.
- Mark ................... an omelette for lunch.
- I really ................... the party.
- We ................... for Susan because she was late.
- The film ................... at half past seven.
- Frank ................... his room.

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Now, remember...

“PAST TIME WORDS”
YESTERDAY - LAST – AGO

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<th>LAST</th>
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<td>last night</td>
<td>five minutes ago</td>
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<td>yesterday afternoon</td>
<td>last week</td>
<td>two hours ago</td>
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<td>Yesterday evening</td>
<td>last month</td>
<td>six days ago</td>
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<td>last year ...</td>
<td>a month ago</td>
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<td></td>
<td>last spring</td>
<td>a year ago</td>
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<td>last summer ...</td>
<td>ten years ago...</td>
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<td>last Monday</td>
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<td></td>
<td>last Friday ...</td>
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Work together ...

post – yesterday morning
Thomas posted a letter to his cousin yesterday morning.
snow – last winter
It snowed a lot in my town last winter.
cook – two hours ago
Jen cooked a cheesecake for her mum two hours ago.

Work yourself ...

play – yesterday afternoon
watch – last week
visit – three days ago
help – yesterday evening
learn – last month
clean – two days ago

Activities online.

http://www.tuttoinglese.it/esercizi-past-simple-forma-affermativa-verbi-regolari.html

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\text{PAST SIMPLE} - \text{REGULAR VERBS}

\text{NEGATIVE FORM}

\textbf{Rule:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \text{did} + \text{not}
  \item + base form of the verb
  \item \text{didn't}
\end{itemize}
Remember:

“NO” special person...  

I  you  he  she  it
we  you  they

didn't + base form of the verb

**Positive**  

Last week, he painted.

**Negative**  

He didn’t paint.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Copy and complete these sentences with the “past simple” of the verbs in brackets.

I (listen) .................... to the radio this morning.
My sister (pass) .................... her exam.
My mother (study) .................... biology at university.
I (watch) .................... TV last night.
We (play) .................... football yesterday.
Simona (stop) .................... for petrol on the way here.

- Now, write the sentences in the “negative form”.

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Copy and write what Jean “did” or “didn't” do yesterday:
- play tennis ( - ) ................................................................. .
- clean her house ( + ) ........................................................... .
- wash the cat ( + ) ............................................................... .
- telephone Mary ( - ) .......................................................... .
- watch a film on TV ( - ) ....................................................... .
- visit her grandparents ( + ) .................................................. .
- cook a cake ( + ) ................................................................... .

Copy and change the following sentences in the negative form.
-The boys played football. ....................................................... .
-Carol called her mother. ....................................................... .
-Donald fixed his TV. ........................................................... .
-Peter painted a kite. ............................................................. .
-Ann studied history. ............................................................ .
-Mary baked cookies. ........................................................... .

5) Now rewrite changing the direct object (of positive form).
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6) Make the past simple negative.
(she / not / love chocolate as a child)
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(he / not / like sport)
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(we / not / study for the exam)
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(they / not / cook at the weekend)
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(I / not / stay at home)
.................................................................................................
(John / not / work in the bank at the same time as me)

(they / not / play tennis yesterday)

(Julie and Anna / not / clean the house)

(you / not / wash the dishes)

(David and I / not / dance at the party)

(they / not / play the piano)

(it / not / rain yesterday)

Change into negative sentences:

Alexis and Steven studied for the test.
Johanna cried because she was ill.
Jonathan and Gryselle were absent
Melissa was here.
Alishka was scared.
Jordan and his family enjoyed the trip.

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**PAST SIMPLE – REGULAR VERBS**

**INTERROGATIVE FORM**

Remember...

**Who did we go on holiday with?**

(“interrogative form” of the PAST SIMPLE)
Translate together.

Volevate ascoltare musica, ieri?
Did you listen to music, yesterday?

Giocava a calcio, in Messico?
Did he play football in Mexico?

Aveva usato la parola corretta in questo esercizio?
Did she use the correct word in this exercise?

Abitavi in un appartamento due anni fa?
Did you live in a flat two years ago?

Era loro piaciuta Roma?
Did they like Rome?

Work yourself.

Sei andato al supermercato, sabato?
Did you go to the supermarket, Saturday?

Viveva in Inghilterra tuo nonno, trenta anni fa?
Did your grandfather in England, thirty years ago?

Giocava a pallavolo tua sorella, l'estate scorsa?
Did your sister play volleyball, last summer?

Erano andati al cinema ieri sera?
Did they go to the cinema, yesterday evening?

Avevi studiato storia, prima?
Did you study History, before?

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**PAST SIMPLE — REGULAR VERBS**

**ANSWERS**

**Did we go ...?**

Positive form: Yes, we **did**

Negative form: No, we **didn't**
Read and answer

Did you listen to music, yesterday? ( - ) ........................................
Did he play football in Mexico? ( - ) ............................................
Did she use the correct word in this exercise? ( + ) ....................
Did you live in a flat, two years ago? ( + ) ..................................
Did they like Rome? ( + ) ........................................................
Did you go to the supermarket, Saturday? ( - ) .........................
Did your grandfather live in England, ten years ago? ( + ) ..........
Did your sister play volleyball, last summer? ( - ) ....................
Did they go to the cinema, yesterday evening? ( - ) .................
Did you study History, before? ( - ) .........................................
"REGULAR VERBS" - PAST SIMPLE TENSE
(use and form)

1) Write the past simple (positive form) of these verbs:

stop: ..................  stay: ..................  want: .................  work: .................
ascoltare: ..............  arrivare: ..............  studiare: ..............
aprire: .................  pulire: .................  aiutare: .................
camminare: ............  viaggiare: .............  decidere: ..............
suonare: ...............  vivere: .................  fermare: .................

2) Write the past simple form of the verbs below.

I ...................... my mum in the kitchen. (help)

My sister ................. in her room. (study)

My mum ................. the green car. (wash)

My grandmother ........... to the shop. (walk)

My brother ............... to music. (listen)

My uncle .................. a pretty woman. (marry)

My aunt .................. her new notebook. (use)

My cousins ............... very late. (arrive)

The baby .................. a lot. (cry)

My dad .................. his old bike. (fix)

The dogs .................. in the garden. (play)

3) Write the verb in the past simple tense (positive form).

I ...................... (aiutare) my friend with his homework yesterday.
My Mom .................. (cucinare) bacon and eggs for breakfast this morning.

It was hot yesterday. The teacher ................. (aprire) all the classroom windows.
She .................. (piantare) flowers in the garden last weekend.
We .................. (andare a piedi) to school yesterday.
The man .................. (chiudere) his shop at 8:00 o'clock last night.
Last year I ................. (viaggiare) to London, England with my parents.
My friend .................. (studiare) English for three hours last night.
Last night I went to a party with my boyfriend. We................. (ballare) all night.
My friend __________ (abitare) in Rome for two years.

4) Write sentences in simple past (positive form).
- you / cards / play ............................................................................................................
- I/ a car / want ..................................................................................................................
- we / the game / lose .........................................................................................................
- they / lemonade / very much / like ..................................................................................
- he / the family car/ wash ..................................................................................................

5) Complete the table in simple past.

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<th>negative</th>
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<td>Laura studied history at six o'clock.</td>
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<td>Max didn’t cook, yesterday.</td>
<td>Did they live in London five years ago?</td>
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<td>Was she ill?</td>
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<td>They weren’t in the park.</td>
<td>She did not work in London.</td>
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</table>
6) Put in order

you – did – see – him – yesterday? ..............................................................

where – shoes? - did – you – your – find ..............................................................


any – have – questions? – did – they ..............................................................

7) Read and complete with "don’t" or "didn’t".

They usually ............... have breakfast.

Last summer they ............... take the dog with them on holiday.

8) Make the past simple, positive, negative or question:

- I ....................... (work) in a bank for ten years.

- Where ....................... (you / live) when you were young?

- She ....................... (not / study) French at university.

- ....................... (they / visit) the Louvre in Paris?

- She ....................... (not / watch) TV yesterday.

- I ....................... (cook) steak last night.

- We ....................... (not / play) tennis yesterday because it was raining.

9) Write nine sentences with the past simple forms

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