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Simple Past – Examples and rules – English tenses**Simple Past**

Examples: Simple Past

First I **read** a book, then I **went** to bed yesterday evening.
 Last week I **came** to a church and then I **took** the road right.

Simple Past describes an action started and finished at a **specific time in the past**.

Examples:

Bob **got** a bike **yesterday**.
 Mr Thompson **had** a great time in America **last year**.

Simple Past – regular verbs

Regular verbs make their past tense by adding -d, -ed, or (if the verb ends in a consonant + y), changing the y to i and adding -ed.

Special notes:

Verb ending...	add ...	Examples
-e	Add -d	live - lived bake - baked
consonant + y	Change 'y' to i and add -ed	carry - carr ied cry - cr ied
1 vowel + 1 consonant	Double <u>consonant</u> and add -ed	stop - stop ped

Simple Past - irregular verbs

Examples: Simple Past tense irregular verbs:

Present - Past

begin - **began**
 break - **broke**
 come - **came**
 drink - **drank**

Present - Past

fall - **fell**
 forget - **forgot**
 get - **got**
 speak - **spoke**

Simple Past - Signal Words

Signal words: ago, in 2011 ..., in 1999 ..., last month, last week, last year, yesterday, at 5 o'clock

Examples Simple Past **signal words**

I **ate** oranges **last year**.
 We **went** to school every day **in 1999**.
 He **took** his dog for a walk a month **ago**.

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Simple Past - questions

'did' + **usubject** + **infinitive**

Examples: Simple Past questions

I **ate** apple in 2005. **Did I eat** apples in 2005?
 We **went** to London last week. **Did we go** to London last week?
 He **took** his dog for a walk last week. **Did he take** his dog for a walk last week?

Simple Past - questions with was/were

Examples:

She **was** in London. **Was** she in London?
 They **were** at the station. **Were** they at the station?

Simple Past negative

Long form: I **did not go**.
 Short form: I **didn't go**.

Examples:

I **knew** Covent Garden? I **didn't know** Covent Garden.
 We **went** to school every day. We **didn't go** to school every day.
 He **took** his dog for a walk. He **didn't take** his dog for a walk.

Simple Past - 'to be' negative form

	positive	negative	
		long form	short form
I	was	was not	wasn't
You	were	were not	weren't
He/She	was	was not	wasn't
We	were	were not	weren't
You	were	were not	weren't
They	were	were not	weren't

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