

Worksheet (1.6)

Grammar: The Past Simple Tense

Date: _____

The **Past Simple Tense** is used to talk about something that started and finished at a definite time in the past.

PAST SIMPLE TENSE

Usage

To express completed action in the past

To describe a series of completed actions in the past

To express habits in the past

Example

I saw a ghost last Friday.

I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim.

When I was young, I watched lots of television every day after school.



Spelling rules of the past simple tense

The main rule for every regular verb in English is to add the inflectional ending **-ed**.

Examples: want: wanted - play: played

✓Rules for adding **-ed**:

1. When a verb ends in 'e', we drop the 'e' before adding **-ed**.

Examples: dance - danced bake- baked

2. When a verb ends in consonant + y, change the y to i and add ed.

Example: try- tried carry- carried cry- cried

3. When a verb ends in vowel + y, keep the y and add ed.

Example: play- played stay- stayed

4. When a verb ends in a short vowel followed by a consonant (CVC), we double the consonant before adding **-ed**.

Examples- slip: slipped - drop: dropped

Exceptions to the CVC rule are words that end in w or x like flowed, waxed and fixed.

Spelling Rules for adding ED

Add ed	
Walk	Walk ed
Talk	Talk ed
Paint	Paint ed
Join	Join ed

If the verb ends with e then add d	
Arrive e	Arrived d
Refuse e	Refused d
Smile e	Smiled d

When there is a vowel before y add ed	
Play	Played ed
Obe y	Obe y ed d
St ay	St ay ed d
En joy	En joy ed d

When there is a consonant before y , change y to i add ed	
Car y	Carri d ed d
F ry	Fri d ed d
Stud y	Studi d ed d
D ry	Dri d ed d

When there is a cvc , double the consonant and add ed	
St op	Stopp ed
H op	Hopp ed
Pl an	Plann ed
Sl ip	Slipp ed

Irregular Verbs

- An **irregular verb** is a verb that does not form its simple past tense by adding "-ed" to the base form.

Example- buy - bought catch- caught fly- flew

Refer to page 134 for a list of irregular verbs.

Q1. Change the following verbs into their past tense form.

lock →	marry →	follow →	plan →
share →	jump →	pray →	clap →
wax →	carry →	fix →	solve →
move →	pin →	obey →	flow →

Q2. Write the verbs in brackets in the past simple tense correctly.

- a. Two days ago, Anna _____(invite) me to her party.
- b. Yesterday, it was cold so I _____(stay) at home.
- c. She _____(fix) her bike tire two days ago.
- d. Mary _____(skip) hundred times in the garden an hour ago.
- e. Dad _____ (visit) France last year.
- f. Five minutes ago, Mom _____ (grab) her phone and called dad.
- g. Last week, Suzy _____(listen) carefully to her teacher.
- h. Once, my friend _____(arrive) late and
_____ (miss) the bus.
- i. Last summer, they _____(wax) their surfboards for the competition.
- j. Yesterday, Mary _____(do) her homework and _____(go) to school.
- k. Before yesterday, a dog _____(follow) us down the road.
- l. My mom and dad _____(know) each other ten years ago.
- m. The United States _____(put) the first men on the moon in 1969.

Q3. Circle the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1. Last weekend, Carol (slept, slept) late.
2. Yesterday morning, we (eated, ate) cereal and (drinked, drank) juice for breakfast.
3. My friend (gave, gived) me a new pencil case for my birthday two days ago.
4. I went to the movies (every weekend, last weekend) with my brother.
5. We (seed, saw) a great movie last Sunday.

Q4. Read the questions below and write your answers using the past simple tense.

1. What time did you wake up today?

2. What did you eat for breakfast?

3. What did you watch on T.V yesterday?

The Past Simple Tense in the Negative Form

Negative sentences in the Past Simple Tense

Subject + „did not“ + verb + object

I did not do that.
She did not feel good yesterday.

Example:

You did not win the prize.

The Past Simple Tense in the Interrogative Form

Questions in the Past Simple Tense

„Did“ + subject + verb + object ?

Did you hear that loud noise that night?
Did he clean his shoes before he came in?

Example:

Did you eat your sandwich?

Q1. Change the following sentences into the negative and the interrogative forms.

a. They lived in Italy years ago.

(neg.): _____

(inter.): _____

b. Carol played cards with her sister yesterday.

(neg.): _____

(inter.): _____

c. Sam danced happily at his last birthday party.

(neg.): _____

(inter.): _____

d. Yesterday, Abdullah grabbed the net to catch the butterfly.

(neg.): _____

(inter.): _____

Q2. Complete the following sentences using the past simple tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. Yesterday, the students _____ (not / walk) down the street with their teachers.
2. _____ you _____ (submit) your homework last Monday?
3. Last night, somebody _____ (knock) at the door but I _____ (not / open) it.
4. _____ Tom _____ (check) his answers before submitting the paper yesterday?
5. Last night, she _____ (not/finish) her final project before the deadline.
6. _____ they _____ (attend) the conference in Paris last month?
7. During our last vacation, we _____ (not/buy) any souvenirs from the museum.
8. _____ you _____ (read) the book I recommended last week?
9. Sarah _____ (not/ cook) dinner last night because she came home late from work.
10. _____ you _____ (forget) to call your mom yesterday?

Q3. Read the sentences below. Circle the mistakes and correct them on the given blank.

1. Jana clean the house two hours ago. _____
2. The kids didn't played outside last weekend. _____
3. My brother eated his breakfast late yesterday morning. _____
4. Did Najmi lived in Germany last year? _____