

Past Simple

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The past simple tense is used to talk about completed actions or events that happened in the past. It is often used with specific time expressions or to discuss past habits or states.

Here is a chart that outlines the structure of the past simple tense:

| Subject | + | Verb (Past form) | + | Complement |
|---------|---|------------------|---|---------------------|
| I | | played | | tennis. |
| She | | studied | | hard. |
| They | | visited | | their grandparents. |

In the past simple tense, regular verbs form the past by adding "-ed" to the base form. For example:

| Base Form | Past Form |
|-----------|-----------|
| Play | Played |
| Study | Studied |
| Visit | Visited |

Irregular verbs, on the other hand, have irregular past forms that do not follow a specific pattern. For example:

| Base Form | Past Form |
|-----------|-----------|
| Go | Went |
| Eat | Ate |
| Take | Took |

Now let's look at some examples to understand the usage of the past simple tense:

I visited my friend yesterday.

She played the piano beautifully.

They studied English for two hours.

He went to the beach last summer.

We ate dinner at a fancy restaurant.

In these examples, the verbs "visited," "played," "studied," "went," and "ate" are in their past form, indicating that the actions took place in the past.

Negative Form:

Subject + did not/didn't + base form of the verb + complement

Example:

I didn't go to the party last night.

They didn't watch the movie.

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|---------|---|----------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Subject | + | did not/didn't | + | base form of the verb | + | complement |
| I | | didn't | | go | | to the party last night. |

Interrogative Form:

Did + subject + base form of the verb + complement ?

Example:

Did you visit your grandparents?

Did she finish her homework?

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|-----|---|---------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Did | + | subject | + | base form of the verb | + | complement ? |
| Did | | you | | visit | | your grandparents? |

It's important to note that the past simple tense does not indicate the duration or frequency of an action. It simply states that the action occurred and is now completed.

It's also important to note that the verbs in past don't change their form when used with the third persons.

Example:

| | Regular verb | Irregular verb |
|------|--------------|----------------|
| I | played | understood |
| You | played | understood |
| He | played | understood |
| She | played | understood |
| It | played | understood |
| We | played | understood |
| You | played | understood |
| They | played | understood |