

PAST SIMPLE

✓ We use the **Past Simple** to talk about actions and states that are **completed** in the past.

✓ We can use it to talk about a specific point in time in the past.

- She **came** back last Friday.
- I **saw** her in the street yesterday.

✓ It can also be used to talk about a period of time in the past.

- She **lived** in Tokyo for seven years.
- They **were** in London from Monday to Thursday of last week.
- When I was living in New York, I **went** to all the art exhibitions I could.

TIME WORDS:

- Yesterday
- Three weeks ago
- Last year, last Christmas
- In 2002, in 1979
- From March to June
- For a long time
- For 6 weeks
- In the 1980s
- In the last century
- In the past

We have to take into account two types of verbs: REGULAR and IRREGULAR.

REGULAR - Rule		IRREGULAR – List of verbs
The Verb follows a RULE = Verb + ed <u>in the affirmative form</u>		The Verb doesn't follow the RULE. There is a list of Irregular Verbs and we have to use the Second Column .
I studied* English	AFFIRMATIVE	I went to the cinema.
I didn't study English	NEGATIVE	I didn't go to the cinema.
Did I study English?	INTERROGATIVE	Did I go to the cinema?
Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.	SHORT ANSWERS	Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

* A **Regular Verb** may have changes in the spelling when we add the ending "-ed":

➤ **The verb ends with "y" and there is a consonant before the "y":**

- Study > stud**ied**
- Try > tr**ied**
- but there is no change when there is a vowel before the "y": play>play**ed**, or prey>prey**ed**

➤ **We double the consonant:**

- Stop > stop**ped** (one syllable verb with consonant-short vowel-consonant).
- Refer > refer**red** (two syllables with the accent in the second syllable, and this has consonant-short vowel-consonant).

AFFIRMATIVE**		NEGATIVE		INTERROGATIVE	
REGULAR	IRREGULAR	REGULAR	IRREGULAR	REGULAR	IRREGULAR
I walked	I bought	I didn't walk	I didn't buy	Did I walk?	Did I buy?
You walked	You bought	You didn't walk	You didn't buy	Did you walk?	Did you buy?
He, she, it walked	He, she, it bought	He, she, it didn't walk	He, she, it didn't buy	Did he, she, it walk?	Did he, she, it buy?
We walked	We bought	We didn't walk	We didn't buy	Did we walk?	Did we buy?
You walked	You bought	You didn't walk	You didn't buy	Did you walk?	Did you buy?
they walked	they bought	they didn't walk	they didn't buy	Did they walk?	Did they buy?

** **Walked** and **bought** only appear in the **Affirmative form**. When we have **did**, the verb is in the **Infinitive form**: **walk** and **buy**.