

Course: Grammar

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The Past Simple Tense

This tense is used to express an event that happened in the past, i.e. completed action in a time before now. The following adverbs are used with the past simple tense:

(Yesterday, ago, last week, last night, last month, last Friday, in the past, in 1945)

- I **played** tennis with my friends last Sunday.
- Sally **gave** me a present for my birthday.
- We **received** the package this morning.
- My father **built** our house in 1990.
- Ali **lived** in Baghdad for six years.
- I **bought** this mobile yesterday.

(he, she, it) → was

-Tom **was** in the library yesterday. (singular) (declarative)

- Tom **was not** in the library yesterday. (negative)

(I, we, you, were) → were

- Lana and Noor **were** in the library yesterday. (plural) (declarative)

-Lana and Noor **were not** in the library yesterday. (negative)

Try Out!

- Two weeks ago Ali **(be)** in Cairo.

- Two weeks ago Ali **was** in Cairo. **(declarative)**
- I **(not see)** her in the backyard.
 - I **did not see** her in the backyard. **(negative)**
- Mrs. Nelson **(decide)** to travel abroad?
 - Did Mrs. Nelson decide to travel abroad? **(interrogative)**

Regular verbs

English vowel sounds are (a, e, o, u, i)

Present	Past
receive (ends with -e) →	received
serve (ends with -e) →	served
live (ends with -e) →	lived
walk (+ -ed) →	walked
play (+ -ed) →	played
study (consonant + y → i + - ed) →	Studied
copy (consonant + y → i + - ed) →	copied
Stop (vowel o +consonant p → pp)→	stopped
plan (vowel a + consonant n → nn)→	planned
travel (vowel e + consonant l → ll)→	travelled
control (vowel o + consonant l → ll)→	controlled

Irregular verbs

Base Form	Past Simple	Past Participle
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
come	came	come
make	made	made
eat	ate	eaten
build	built	built
sleep	slept	slept
swim	swam	swum
meet	met	met

send	sent	sent
bear	bore	borne
beat	beat	beaten
bleed	bled	Bled
bring	brought	brought
grow	grew	grown
arise	arose	arisen
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
burn	burnt or burned	burnt or burned
burst	burst	burst
cut	cut	cut
put	put	put
hit	hit	hit
hurt	hurt	hurt
let	let	let
shed	shed	shed
write	wrote	written
win	won	won
weep	wept	wept
weave	wove	woven
wear	wore	worn
wake	woke	woken
take	took	taken
sing	sang	sung
do	did	done
drive	drove	driven
dream	dreamt	dreamt
deal	dealt	dealt
fall	fell	fallen
lay	laid	laid
know	knew	known