



# PAST SIMPLE

GRAMMAR

# STRUCTURE OF PAST SIMPLE (regular verbs)

- **REGULAR VERBS**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

SUBJECT + VERB-ED\* (spelling rules)

EXAMPLE: I **studied English yesterday** (= Estudié inglés ayer.)

- **NEGATIVE**

SUBJECT + DIDN'T + VERB (BASE FORM)

EXAMPLE: I **didn't study English yesterday** (= No estudié inglés ayer.)

- **INTERROGATIVE:**

(WH-) + DID + SUBJECT + VERB (BASE FORM) + ?

EXAMPLE: **Did you study English yesterday?** (= ¿Estudiaste inglés ayer?)

# SPELLING RULES FOR PAST SIMPLE

## Simple Past Tense Regular Verbs

Spelling Rules	Examples
Ending in <b>e</b> add <b>d</b>	live – lived stare – stared
Ending in <b>vowel + y</b> add <b>ed</b>	stay – stayed play – played
Ending in <b>consonant + y</b> change <b>y to i</b> and add <b>ed</b>	try – tried carry – carried
One syllable, single vowel and ending in single consonant <b>double</b> the final consonant and add <b>ed</b>	nod – nodded rip – ripped
Two-syllable, stress on second syllable and ending in single consonant <b>double</b> the final consonant and add <b>ed</b>	commit – committed prefer – preferred

# STRUCTURE OF PAST SIMPLE (Irregular verbs)

- **IRREGULAR VERBS**

- **AFFIRMATIVE:**

SUBJECT + 2ND COLUMN OF THE LIST

EXAMPLE: I **went** to Sevilla last weekend (= Fui a Sevilla el fin de semana.)

- **NEGATIVE**

SUBJECT + DIDN'T + VERB (BASE FORM)

EXAMPLE: I **didn't go** to Sevilla last weekend (= No fui a Sevilla el fin de semana.)

- **INTERROGATIVE:**

(WH-) + DID + SUBJECT + VERB (BASE FORM) + ?

EXAMPLE: **Did you go** to Sevilla last weekend? (= ¿Fuiste a Sevilla el fin de semana?)

# LIST OF VERBS

- Remember that you need to study the list of irregular verbs in order to be able to use the past simple.

# LINKS TO PRACTISE

- Explanation and exercises for regular verbs:

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammar/beginner-grammar/past-simple-regular-verbs>

- Explanation and exercises for irregular verbs:

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammar/beginner-grammar/past-simple-irregular-verbs>

- Exercises:

- [https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/elementary/grammar/grammar\\_06\\_022e?cc=global&sellanguage=en](https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/elementary/grammar/grammar_06_022e?cc=global&sellanguage=en)
- [https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/elementary/grammar/grammar\\_07\\_012e?cc=global&sellanguage=en](https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/elementary/grammar/grammar_07_012e?cc=global&sellanguage=en)
- [https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/preint/grammar/grammar\\_02\\_012e?cc=global&sellanguage=en](https://elt.oup.com/student/solutions/preint/grammar/grammar_02_012e?cc=global&sellanguage=en)

# LINKS TO PRACTISE II

- IRREGULAR VERBS:

- Video about irregular verbs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIIVIOEJX9E>

- Irregular verbs Wheel:

[https://www.macmillandictionary.com/verb\\_wheel/](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/verb_wheel/)

- Game to practise irregular verbs:

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/past-tense-game/>



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