**Simple Past FORM**

[VERB+ed] or [irregular verbs](../irregularverbs/irregularverbs.html)

**USE 1 Completed Action in the Past**

Use the Simple Past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past. Sometimes, the speaker may not actually mention the specific time, but they do have one specific time in mind.

Examples:

I **saw** a movie yesterday.

I **didn't see** a play yesterday.

She **washed** her car.

He **didn't wash** his car.

**USE 2 A Series of Completed Actions**

We use the Simple Past to list a series of completed actions in the past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.

Examples:

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

**USE 3 Duration in Past**

The Simple Past can be used with a duration which starts and stops in the past. A duration is a longer action often indicated by expressions such as: for two years, for five minutes, all day, all year, etc.

Examples:

I **lived** in Brazil for two years.

Shauna **studied** Japanese for five years.

They **sat** at the beach all day.

The simple past expresses an action in the past taking place once, never, several times. It can also be used for actions taking place one after another or in the middle of another action.

**Form of Simple Past**

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|  | Positive | Negative | Question | Inf. Question |
| **no differences** | I played. | I did not play. | Did I play? | What  where did I play?  when  how long |

For irregular verbs, use the past form (see [list of irregular verbs](http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/irregular-verbs), 2nd column). **For regular** verbs, just add “ed”.

**For regular verbs**  **Exceptions in Spelling when Adding ‘ed’**

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| Exceptions in spelling when adding *ed* | Example |
| after a final *e* only add *d* | love – loved |
| final consonant after a short, stressed vowel or *l* as final consonant after a vowel is doubled | admit – admitted travel – travelled |
| final *y* after a consonant becomes *i* | hurry – hurried |

**EXCERCISES**

**Fill in the correct forms of the irregular verbs.**

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| Infinitive | Simple Past |
|  |  |
| say |  |
|  | spoke |
| wear |  |
| think |  |
|  | played |
| meet |  |
| do |  |
| write |  |
|  | showed |

Final del formulario

**Put the verbs into the correct form (simple past).**

1. Last year I (spend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my holiday in Ireland.
2. It (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ great.
3. I (travel)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_around by car with two friends and we (visit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lots of interesting places.
4. In the evenings we usually (go)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to a pub.
5. One night we even (learn)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some Irish dances.
6. We (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very lucky with the weather.
7. It (not / rain)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a lot.
8. But we (see)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_some beautiful rainbows.
9. Yesterday my father (go)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work by car. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
10. This morning I (have)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a shower. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
11. My sister (not clean)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her room on Saturday. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
12. The other day, I (lose)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my math's book. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
13. I (tell)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my mother a lie. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
14. We (hear)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a terrible sound outside last night. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif
15. Pau (drink)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a litre of Coke for lunch yesterday. http://www.saberingles.com.ar/images/blank.gif

**Principio del formulario**

**Write positive sentences in simple past.**

1. he / the question / answer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. you / a question / ask\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. the dog / bark\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. they / us / call\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. we / a mountain / climb\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. John / stamps / collect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. we / in London / live\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. I / hungry / be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. they / a hamster / have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. he / to school / go\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Final del formulario

**Exercise on negative sentences**

Rewrite the sentences in the negative.

1. They collected postcards. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. You jumped high. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Albert played squash. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The teacher tested our English. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Fiona visited her grandma. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. He washed the car. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. You were thirsty. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. He had a computer. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. I bought bread. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. You saw the house. →\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Put in the correct verb form into the gap. Use Simple Past.

Example: \_Did\_\_ they \_\_\_meet\_\_\_ their friends? (meet)

1) \_\_\_\_\_you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the door? (close)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Claire\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the housework? (finish)

3)\_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bath yesterday? ( have)

4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the boy \_\_\_\_\_\_ into the lake? ( jump)

5) \_\_\_\_\_Ronald\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Tower of London? (visit)

6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Peggy and Olivia\_\_\_\_\_\_ the house? ( clean)

7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the invitation cards herself? (make)

8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the girl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ketchup bottle? (drop)

9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Tim\_\_\_\_\_\_ the green T-shirt last Monday? (buy)

10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_they\_\_\_\_\_ karate this morning? (practise)

**Write WH questions with the following information**

Example

She bought an old car. **(what)**

**Q What** did she buy ?

The fox was in the garden. (where)

Q1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jan studied for three hours (how long)

Q1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I got up at 7 o'clock.(what time )

Q2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

He didn't like the movie. (why)

Q3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We had dinner. (what)

Q4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The meeting finished late. (what time )

Q5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I played tennis last week. (when)

Q6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

They wrote to Ellen. (who)

Q7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

James lived in brazilia (where)

Q8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I answered the phone this morning (when)

Q9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

They went on vacation last week (when)

Q10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

