

PAST SIMPLE

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*USAGE:

- Used for actions that started and finished at a **specific time** in the past.

Example: I saw a movie last week.

- Used to describe a process that **started** and **finished** in the past.

Example: I lived in the USA five years ago.

- Used in sentences that **describe past habits**. These sentences have the same purpose as the expression ‘used to’.

Example: I usually went fishing with my dad when I was young.

1. Simple past with Regular/Irregular verbs:

(+) S + V2/ed + O

(-) S + did not + V-inf + O

(?) Did + S + V-inf + O?

WH + did + S + V-inf + O?

**Note:* did not = didn't

Example:

I went to the cinema with Mary yesterday.

Did you do your homework last night? – No, I didn't.

2. Simple past with Be-verb:

(+) S + was/were + ...
(-) S + was/were not + ...
(?) Was/Were + S + ...?
WH + was/were + S + ...?

***Note:** was not = wasn't were not = weren't

Example:

Were they in Iceland last January?

I was in Japan last year.

***TIME EXPRESSIONS USED WITH PAST SIMPLE:**

ago (three days ago, two months ago,...)

last (last month, last year,...)

in the past

yesterday

...

Example:

I met him last weekend.

PRESENT PERFECT

Thì hiện tại hoàn thành

*USAGE:

The present perfect is used to describe

- An action or situation that started in the past and continues in the present.

Example: I have lived in Bristol since 1984 (= and I still do.)

- An action performed during a period that has not yet finished.

Example: She has been to the cinema twice this week (= and the week isn't over yet.)

- A repeated action in an unspecified period between the past and now.

Example: We have visited Portugal several times.

- An action that was completed in the very recent past, expressed by 'just'.

Example: I have just finished my work.

- An action when the time is not important.

Example: He has read 'War and Peace'. (= the result of his reading is important)

****Note:*** When we want to give or ask details about when, where, who, we use **the simple past**.

Structure:

(+) S + have/has + V3/ed + O
(-) S + have/has + not + V3/ed + O
(?) Have/Has + S + V3/ed + O?
WH + have/has + S + V3/ed + O?

***Note:** has not = hasn't have not = haven't

***TIME EXPRESSIONS USED WITH PRESENT PERFECT:**

Since, already, for, just, yet

ever

never

so far/ until now/ up to now

Example:

We have just got back from our holidays

***How to pronounce -ED:**

If the base verb ends in one of these <i>sounds</i>		example base verb*	example with <i>-ed</i>	pronounce the <i>-ed</i> as
/t/		want	wanted	/ɪd/
/d/		end	ended	
unvoiced	/p/	hope	hoped	/t/
	/f/	laugh	laughed	

If the base verb ends in one of these <i>sounds</i>		example base verb*	example with <i>-ed</i>	pronounce the <i>-ed</i> as
	/s/	<i>fax</i>	<i>faxed</i>	
	/ʃ/	<i>wash</i>	<i>washed</i>	
	/tʃ/	<i>watch</i>	<i>watched</i>	
	/k/	<i>like</i>	<i>liked</i>	
voiced	all other sounds, eg	<i>play</i>	<i>played</i>	/d/
		<i>allow</i>	<i>allowed</i>	
		<i>beg</i>	<i>begged</i>	

***Note:** it is the **sound** that is important, not the letter or spelling. For example, *fax* ends in the letter *x* but the sound /s/; *like* ends in the letter *e* but the sound /k/.

***Exceptions**

The following *-ed* words used **as adjectives** are pronounced with /ɪd/:

- *aged*
- *dogged*
- *ragged*
- *blessed*
- *learned*
- *wicked*

- *crooked*
- *naked*
- *wretched*

So we say:

- *an aged man /ɪd/*
- *a blessed nuisance /ɪd/*
- *a dogged persistence /ɪd/*
- *a learned professor - the professor, who was truly learned /ɪd/*
- *a wretched beggar - the beggar was wretched /ɪd/*

But when used as real verbs (past simple and past participle), the normal rules apply and we say:

- *he aged quickly /d/*
- *he blessed me /t/*
- *they dogged him /d/*
- *he has learned well /d/ or /t/*

*IRREGULAR VERBS:

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
awake	awoke	awoken
be	was, were	been
beat	beat	beaten

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bid	bid	bid
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn	burned <i>or</i> burnt	burned <i>or</i> burnt
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamed <i>or</i> dreamt	dreamed <i>or</i> dreamt
drive	drove	driven
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got (<i>sometimes</i> gotten)
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
learn	learned <i>or</i> learnt	learned <i>or</i> learnt
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
show	showed	showed <i>or</i> shown
shut	shut	shut

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
stink	stank	stunk
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought

V1 Base Form	V2 Past Simple	V3 Past Participle
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

The difference: Present Perfect vs Past Simple

Present Perfect Simple	Past Simple
<p><u>Unfinished actions</u> that started in the past and continue to the present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've known Julie for ten years (and I still know her). 	<p><u>Finished actions</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I knew Julie for ten years (but then she moved away and we lost touch).
<p>A finished action in someone's life (when the person is still alive: <u>life experience</u>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My brother has been to Mexico three times. 	<p>A finished action in someone's life (when the person is dead):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My great-grandmother went to Mexico three times.
<p>A finished action with <u>a result in the present</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've lost my keys! (The result is that I can't get into my house now). 	<p>A finished action with <u>no result in the present</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I lost my keys yesterday. It was terrible! (Now there is no result. I got new keys yesterday).
<p>With an <u>unfinished time</u> word (this week, this month, today):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've seen John this week. 	<p>With <u>a finished time</u> word (last week, last month, yesterday):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I saw John last week.