PAST SIMPLE TENSE

When to use?

We use the Past Simple Tense to talk about:

- * Actions that happened and were completed in the past.
- * Actions that occurred at a specific time in the past.
- * Actions in a sequence of events in the past.

EXAMPLES

- * COMPLETED ACTION: I visited Barcelona last year.
- ** SPECIFIC TIME: She met her friends at 8 PM yesterday.
- ** SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: He woke up, got dressed, and went out.



How to use? POSITIVE STRUCTURE:

All the subjects take the past simple form (V2) of the verb.

Subject Pronoun + V2 (past simple)

EXAMPLES:

- * He ate lunch an hour ago.
- * My mum went to Istanbul last night.

How to use? NEGATIVE STRUCTURE:

All the subjects take didn't and the base form (V1) of the verb.

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Subject
Pronoun + didn't + V1
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EXAMPLES:

- * He didn't study Math yesterday.
- * I didn't go to school last week.

How to use? QUESTION STRUCTURE:

We use did before the subject, the verb is in base form (V1).

Did + Subject Pronoun + V1

EXAMPLES:

- * Did you read a book yesterday?
- * Did he go to bed late last night?

Attention!

In the English language, the verbs are divided into two:

* REGULAR VERBS

Regular verbs form their past forms by adding -d, -ed or -ied to the base form.

米 IRREGULAR VERBS

Irregular verbs do not follow a consistent pattern for their past forms. Each irregular verb has a <u>unique</u> past form!

REGULAR VERBS

How to spell?

* For most verbs, simply add -ed.

talk

clean

cleaned

watch

watched



She watched a film last night.

How to spell?

* If the verb ends in a silent e, simply add -d.

live — lived

hate hated

bake baked



Mum baked a pie yesterday.

How to spell?

* If the verb ends in a consonant + y, change the "y" to "i" and add -ed.

cry cried carry carried study studied



He studied English yesterday.

IRREGULAR VERBS

Here's a list of some of the most common irregular verbs:

be <u>was/were</u> begin — began bite — bit break ---> broke bring --> brought build --> built buy --> bought catch — caught

cut ____ cut $do \longrightarrow did$ draw — drew drink — drank drive — drove eat — ate fall — fell feel — felt find — found

fly _____ flew $get \longrightarrow got$ give ____ gave go — went grow — grew have \longrightarrow had keep — kept know --> knew leave — left

TIME EXPRESSIONS

We usually use the following time expressions:

- * yesterday
- * ago
- * last

Examples: My dad didn't go to work yesterday.

I learned Spanish last year.

We visited Barcelona two years ago.



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!