

## Past Simple

We use the past simple:

- a) for an action which happened at a definite time in the past. The time is stated, already known or implied.



They **went** camping by the lake last month. (When did they go camping? Last month. The time is stated.)

- b) for actions which happened immediately one after the other in the past.



First she **paid** the driver, then she **got out** of the taxi.

- c) for past habits or states which are now finished. In such cases we can also use the expression *used to*.



Kitchens **were/used to be** very different a hundred years ago.

The past simple is used with the following time expressions: *yesterday, then, when, How long ago ...?, last night/week/month/year/Tuesday, etc., three days/weeks, etc. ago, in 1997, etc.*

# Past Simple Forms

## Positive

I **went**.

You **went**.

He/She/It **went**.

We **went**.

They **went**.

## Negative

I **did not go**.  
I **didn't go**.

You **did not go**.  
You **didn't go**.

He/She/It **did not go**.  
He/She/It **didn't go**.

We **did not go**.  
We **didn't go**.

They **did not go**.  
They **didn't go**.

## Questions

Did I **go**?

Did you **go**?

Did he/she/it **go**?

Did we **go**?

Did they **go**?

## Short answers

Yes, I **did**.

No, I **did not**.  
No, I **didn't**.

Yes, you **did**.

No, you **did not**.  
No, you **didn't**.

Yes, he/she/it **did**.

No, he/she/it **did not**.  
No, he/she/it **didn't**.

Yes, we **did**.

No, we **did not**.  
No, we **didn't**.

Yes, they **did**.

No, they **did not**.  
No, they **didn't**.

# IRREGULAR VERBS

INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE	INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
be	was/were	been	light	lit	lit
become	became	become	lose	lost	lost
begin	began	began	make	made	made
break	broke	broken	mean	meant	meant
bring	brought	brought	meet	met	met
build	built	built	pay	paid	paid
buy	bought	bought	put	put	put
catch	caught	caught	read	read	read
choose	chose	chosen	ride	rode	ridden
come	came	come	ring	rang	rung
cost	cost	cost	run	ran	run
cut	cut	cut	say	said	said
do	did	done	see	saw	seen
draw	drew	drawn	sell	sold	sold
drink	drank	drunk	send	sent	sent
drive	drove	driven	shine	shone	shone
eat	ate	eaten	show	showed	shown
fall	fell	fallen	sing	sang	sung
feed	fed	fed	sit	sat	sat
feel	felt	felt	sleep	slept	slept
fight	fought	fought	speak	spoke	spoken
find	found	found	spell	spelt	spelt
fly	flew	flown	spend	spent	spent
forget	forgot	forgotten	stand	stood	stood
get	got	got	steal	stole	stolen
give	gave	given	swim	swam	swum
go	went	gone	take	took	taken
grow	grew	grown	teach	taught	taught
have	had	had	tell	told	told
hear	heard	heard	think	thought	thought
hold	held	held	throw	threw	thrown
keep	kept	kept	understand	understood	understood
know	knew	known	wake	woke	woken
learn	learnt	learnt	wear	wore	worn
leave	left	left	win	won	won
lend	lent	lent	write	wrote	written

## Resources:

1. Grammarway 4 Jenny Dooley Virginia Evans International Edition, Espresso Publishing
2. <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/grammar-exercises.html>



## Past Simple Form Negative (other verbs)

Make the past simple negative.

1. (I / not / go out last night)

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2. (you / not / come to the party)

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3. (she / not / love chocolate as a child)

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4. (he / not / like sport)

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5. (we / not / study for the exam)

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6. (they / not / cook at the weekend)

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7. (Lucy / not / meet her friends last week)

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8. (I / not / stay at home)

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9. (you / not / do your homework)

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10. (John / not / work in the bank at the same time as me)

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11. (they / not / play tennis yesterday)

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12. (we / not / go on holiday last year)

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13. (Julie and Anna / not / clean the house at all)

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14. (she / not / cry much as a baby)

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15. (he / not / drive to work)

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16. (I / not / remember to buy milk)

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17. (you / not / wash the dishes)

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18. (David and I / not / dance at the party)

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19. (they / not / play the piano)

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20. (it / not / rain yesterday)

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## Past Simple Form 'Yes / No' Questions (other verbs)

Make past simple 'yes / no' questions:

1. (I / see you last week?)

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2. (you / meet your father yesterday?)

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3. (we / go to Spain in June?)

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4. (it / snow last winter?)

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5. (they / stay in last night?)

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6. (Julie / watch a film on Saturday?)

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7. (Lucy / pass the exam?)

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8. (you / have fun at the party?)

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9. (I / lock the door?)

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10. (Sally and Victoria / go to a café at lunchtime?)

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11. (we / meet in 1997?)

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12. (the film / start on time?)

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13. (they / cook dinner?)

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14. (it / rain a lot on your holiday?)

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15. (you / feel okay on the first day of your new job?)

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16. (I / leave my bag in the taxi?)

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17. (he / play sport as a child?)

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18. (you / buy anything today?)

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19. (the meeting / go well?)

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20. (you / like the meal?)

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## Past Simple Form 'Wh' Questions (other verbs)

Make past simple 'wh' questions:

1. (where / you / go to school?)

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2. (when / she / arrive?)

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3. (why / he / eat so much?)

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4. (what / they / do yesterday?)

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5. (who / you / meet at the party?)

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6. (how / she / come to work this morning?)

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7. (where / I / leave my glasses?)

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8. (when / he / get home last night?)

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9. (what / you / do at the weekend?)

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10. (why / she / get angry?)

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11. (who / they / talk to earlier?)

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12. (what / we / do last Christmas?)

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13. (why / it / rain on my birthday?)

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14. (how / she / finish so quickly?)

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15. (where / he / go after the class last week?)

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16. (what / I / do last Tuesday?)

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17. (when / you / start your job?)

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18. (how / she / get here?)

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19. (why / you / arrive so late?)

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20. (what / he / do last summer?)

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## Past Simple Form Other Verbs - Mixed Exercise 1

Make the past simple: positive, negative or question.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank for ten years.
2. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) when you were young?
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) French at university.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) through the Middle East last year.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / visit) the Louvre in Paris?
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) TV yesterday.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car last weekend.
8. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / teach) before you came here?
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / think) that he was right.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) steak last night.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (Lucy / read) War and Peace at school?
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / write) to her grandmother.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a computer when I was a child.
14. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) on holiday?
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (love) ice cream when I was a child.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not / meet) yesterday.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / swim) in the sea in Greece?
18. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / play) tennis yesterday because it was raining.
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to lift the box but he couldn't.
20. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / eat) for lunch?

## Past Simple Form Other Verbs - Mixed Exercise 2

Make the past simple: positive, negative or question.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) any beer last night.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
3. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (he / get up) yesterday?
4. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / get off) the train?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) very late.
7. What \_\_\_\_\_ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) £300 when my uncle \_\_\_\_\_ (die).
9. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / use) the computer last night.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / make) good coffee?
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris.
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper yesterday.
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) TV.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) for the exam.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / call) you?
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / forget) something?
17. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (the film / start)?
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower.
19. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / come)?
20. \_\_\_\_\_ (he / go) to the party?



## Past Simple Form Other Verbs - Mixed Exercise 3

Make the past simple: positive, negative or question.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film.
3. When \_\_\_\_\_ (he / arrive)?
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car.
5. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live)?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis.
7. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / work) before?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / come) for lunch?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (we / study) this last year?
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) that film?
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner.
13. You \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) out last night.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (study).
15. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / watch)?
16. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / call) you yesterday.
17. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not / arrive) on time.
18. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not / rain).
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) beer.
20. You \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the kitchen.

## Past Simple Form Other Verbs - Mixed Exercise 4

Make the past simple: positive, negative or question.

1. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (she / go)?
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do)?
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ (not / call) me.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / wear) your red dress?
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / read) that book.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go)?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / study) last night?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (we / arrive) last?
10. Who \_\_\_\_\_ (you / meet)?
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / come) to the party?
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / meet) him.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ (she / go)?
14. You \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a friend.
15. Which \_\_\_\_\_ (you / like)?
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / forget) your book.
17. What \_\_\_\_\_ (he / do) at the weekend?
18. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) chocolate.
19. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / buy) yesterday?
20. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / have) a good holiday?



## Irregular Verbs Past Simple (Part 2)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to England in 1993.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) under the tree to shelter from the rain.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (do) their homework yesterday.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) too much last night. I have a sore throat!
5. He already \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the cake.
6. The child \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off his bicycle.
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ (take) three hours to drive to Paris.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) your keys under the table.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a new bike for her birthday.
10. She \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) her house last year.
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to New York in January.
12. Finally, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (let) me go to a party.
13. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold last night.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) John at the weekend.
15. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) the bill, before leaving the restaurant.
16. We \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the new film yesterday.
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) her new coat to the party.
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) my football team would win.
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ (put) their bags in the bedroom.
20. Billy \_\_\_\_\_ (run) after the bus.
21. She \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that she would come later.
22. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some books this morning.
23. We \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a cake, it was delicious.
24. He \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the old chair, and it broke.
25. They \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter to their parents.



## Irregular Verbs Past Simple (Part 1)

Make the past simple.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) some chocolates to the party.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a new song on the radio.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (read) three books last week.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) French to the waitress.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) during the class, but now he doesn't understand.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to buy some milk.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a baby in June.
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) your keys last week.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) 500m.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) my mother a CD for Christmas.
11. At the age of 23, she \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a doctor.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) the answer yesterday.
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me that he lived in Toronto.
14. We \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) John £200.
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) too much coffee yesterday.
16. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) in the car.
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) his promise.
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) the steak for dinner.
19. The film \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) late.
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to Sydney.
21. They \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to Beijing.
22. He \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) English at the University.
23. I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) you an e-mail earlier.
24. We \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the house at 7 am.
25. He \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) terrible after eating the prawns.