

English Grammar : Simple Past Tense

Lesson : Simple Past Tense

The Simple Past Tense is used to talk about actions or events that happened and were completed in the past.

1. Usage :

Completed actions in the past :

I visited Rome last summer.

A series of completed actions :

She got up, took a shower, and left the house.

Duration in the past :

He lived in Japan for two years.

Habits in the past :

We always walked to school.

2. Structure :

Affirmative :

Subject + past form of the verb

Example : They watched a movie.

Negative :

Subject + did not (didn't) + base form of the verb

Example : She didn't enjoy the party.

Interrogative :

Did + subject + base form of the verb

Example : Did you see the news ?

3. Verb Forms :

Regular verbs add -ed :

Play → played, work → worked

Irregular verbs change form :

Go → went, eat → ate, have → had

Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in Simple Past :

- a) She _____ (visit) her grandmother yesterday.
- b) They _____ (not/finish) their homework on time.
- c) _____ you _____ (see) the film last night ?
- d) I _____ (forget) my keys at home.

2. Write 3 sentences about what you did last weekend.

(Students write their own answers.)

3. Choose the correct option :

- a) He (go/went) to the concert last Friday.
- b) I (didn't/doesn't) like the meal.
- c) (Did/Do) she arrive on time ?