

Past simple



The simple past is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that happened or existed before now. Imagine if someone asks you what you did last week.

*“ I **analyzed** the data to identify performance issues in the system.”*
*“ I **had** a meeting with the team about the new app.”*

The simple past tense shows that you are talking about something that has already happened. It indicates that the action occurred at a certain time and then was completed.

You can also use the simple past to talk about a past state of being, such as the way someone felt about something. This is often expressed with the simple past tense of the verb to be and an adjective, noun, or prepositional phrase.

*“ He **was** mad after the last meeting.”*



Regular verbs

Regular verbs follow a consistent pattern when forming the Past Simple. To form the Past Simple of regular verbs, you usually add “-ed” or “-d” to the base form of the verb.

*“We **created** a new module for the application.”*
*“He **developed** a mobile app for iOS and Android platforms.”*
*“They **refactored** the codebase to enhance maintainability.”*

How to make the simple past negative

Fortunately, there is a formula for making simple past verbs negative, and it's the *same* for *both regular and irregular verbs* (except for the verb to be). The formula is **did not + [root form of verb]**. You can also use the contraction **didn't** instead of **did not**.

*“They **did not implement** the feature based on customer feedback.”*
*“The developer **didn't debug** the code to fix the software bug.”*
*“We **didn't upgrade** the framework to the latest version.”*

