

# UNIT 4

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## Time expressions

Those are some time expressions that indicate that the sentences is expressing a past idea or action

- Yesterday
- ....ago (2 days ago)
- Last... (last year, last Monday, last summer)
- In + past year (in 2021)
- On+ past date
- Past time expression: when I was little or When I lived in Barcelona

## Past simple regular

Most English verbs are **regular**. That is, they form their past tense and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to the basic form, as shown here:

Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle
ask	asked	asked
pay	payed	payed

The *-ed* form is used in the affirmative sentences. The interrogative and negative forms are made with the auxiliary verb *did/ didn't* plus infinitive.

<b>Affirmative:</b>	I <i>asked</i> for some information
<b>Interrogative:</b>	<i>Did</i> you call yesterday? Where <i>did</i> you go?
<b>Negative:</b>	I <i>didn't</i> call you yesterday
<b>Short answers:</b>	Yes, I did. / No, I didn't

### Affirmative form

Subject + v-ed+...      I lived in Barcelona / They stayed at a hotel

### Negative

Subject + didn't + infinitive      I didn't live in Barcelona/ They didn't stay at a hotel

### Interrogative form

Did + subject + infinitive...?

Did      you      work      yesterday?

### Short answers

Yes, I did. /      No, I didn't.

### Past simple irregular verbs

For irregular verbs, the past simple is the second column of the irregular verbs list

INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
To Go	went	gone
To give	gave	given
To spend	spent	spent
To write	wrote	written

The company spent 40.0000 €  
They went to Edinburgh  
He wrote an email to a customer

Similar to regular verbs, the interrogative and negative forms are made with the auxiliary verb *did/ didn't*.

Some irregular verbs grouped by similar irregularity:

1 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **i-a-u**

base form	simple past	past participle
begin	began	begun
drink	drank	drunk
sink	sank	sunk
stink	stank	stunk
shrink	shrank	shrunk
ring	rang	rung
sing	sang	sung
spring	sprang	sprung
swim	swam	swum

3 Irregular Verbs

base form	simple past	past participle
have	had	had
make	made	made
sit	sat	sat
say	said	said
find	found	found
hear	heard	heard
lose	lost	lost
stand	stood	stood
understand	understood	understood

2 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **i-u-u**

base form	simple past	past participle
dig	dug	dug
hang	hung	hung
stick	stuck	stuck
spin	spun	spun
cling	clung	clung
swing	swung	swung
win	won	won

4 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **aught/ought**

base form	simple past	past participle
teach	taught	taught
catch	caught	caught
buy	bought	bought
bring	brought	brought
think	thought	thought
fight	fought	fought
seek	sought	sought

5 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **ee-e-e**

base form	simple past	past participle
bleed	bled	bled
feed	fed	fed
meet	met	met
feel	felt	felt
kneel	knelt	knelt
keep	kept	kept
sleep	slept	slept
sweep	swept	swept
weep	wept	wept

7 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **-old/orn/one**

base form	simple past	past participle
sell	sold	sold
tell	told	told
wear	wore	worn
swear	swore	sworn
tear	tore	torn
bear	bore	born
shine	shone	shone
show	showed	shown

6 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **ea-e-e**

base form	simple past	past participle
lead	led	led
read	read	read

8 Irregular Verbs Phonetic Group **ew-awn/own**

base form	simple past	past participle
draw	drew	drawn
blow	blew	blown