Past Simple Tense – Grammar Mini-Lesson (A1 Level)

# Step 1: What Is the Past Simple?

We use the Past Simple to talk about actions that happened in the past and are finished.  
Examples:  
- I watched a movie last night.  
- She went to school yesterday.  
  
Common time expressions:  
- yesterday  
- last night/week/year  
- two days ago  
- in 2020

# Step 2: Forming the Past Simple

## Positive Sentences

Regular verbs → Add -ed  
- work → worked  
- play → played  
  
Examples:  
- I played football.  
- She visited her grandma.  
  
Irregular verbs → Change the verb form  
- go → went  
- eat → ate  
  
Examples:  
- He went to the market.  
- They ate pizza.

## Negative Sentences

Use did not (didn't) + base form  
Examples:  
- I didn’t watch TV.  
- She didn’t go to school.  
- They didn’t play football.

## Questions

Use Did + subject + base form  
Examples:  
- Did you eat lunch?  
- Did she visit her friend?  
- Did they play tennis?

# Step 3: Common Mistakes to Watch Out For

Mistake: She go to the park. → Correction: She went to the park. (Go is irregular)  
Mistake: I didn’t went to school. → Correction: I didn’t go to school. (Use base form after 'didn’t')  
Mistake: Did he played football? → Correction: Did he play football? (Use base form after 'did')  
Mistake: He don’t go yesterday. → Correction: He didn’t go yesterday. (Use 'didn’t' in the past)

# Step 4: Example Sentences (Everyday Use)

Talking about yesterday: I watched a film yesterday.  
Talking about last weekend: We visited my uncle last weekend.  
Asking a question: Did you go to the store?  
Saying something didn’t happen: She didn’t eat breakfast.  
Using irregular verbs: They had a party on Friday.

# Step 5: Practice Activities

## Activity 1: Fill in the Blank (Mixed Verbs)

Complete the sentences using the correct past simple form:  
1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my grandma yesterday.  
2. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the market.  
3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis last Sunday.  
4. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) pasta for dinner.  
5. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/watch) TV last night.

## Activity 2: Correct the Mistake

Find and fix the mistake:  
1. Did she went to school?  
2. They didn’t ate lunch.  
3. He play football yesterday.  
4. I didn’t watched the movie.  
5. We goes to the beach.

## Activity 3: Short Speaking Practice (Pairs or Groups)

Ask and answer questions about your weekend:  
- What did you do yesterday?  
- Did you eat at a restaurant?  
- What did you watch last night?

# Step 6: Wrap-Up Summary

Let’s remember:  
- Use -ed for regular verbs: play → played.  
- Irregular verbs are special: go → went, eat → ate.  
- Don’t change the verb after did/didn’t.  
- Use Did to ask questions in the past.