# Unit: Past Simple (I went / she worked)

## A

We use the past simple to talk about things that happened in the past — yesterday, last week, in 2020, etc.  
We use it to say that something happened and is finished:  
  
- I watched a movie yesterday.  
- We played football last Saturday.  
- She visited her grandmother last weekend.  
  
For regular verbs, we add -ed at the end:  
- work → worked  
- play → played  
- watch → watched  
  
For irregular verbs, the form changes:  
- go → went  
- have → had  
- eat → ate  
(See Appendix 1 for more examples of irregular verbs.)

## B

Study this example situation:  
  
Yesterday, Alex was very busy.  
He got up at 6 a.m.  
He worked all day.  
He didn’t watch TV.  
He went to bed at 10 p.m.  
  
Past simple = verb + -ed (for regular verbs) or special form (for irregular verbs).  
I / you / he / she / it / we / they all use the same form in the past.  
  
For questions and negatives, we use did:

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| Statement | Negative | Question |
| I played tennis. | I didn’t play tennis. | Did you play tennis? |
| She saw a film. | She didn’t see a film. | Did she see a film? |
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In negative and question forms, use the base form of the verb:  
She didn’t go, not She didn’t went.

## C

We use the past simple for finished actions in the past:  
  
- I visited London in 2023.  
- He didn’t eat breakfast this morning.  
- Did you walk to school yesterday?

## D

Common time expressions used with the past simple:  
  
- yesterday  
- last night / week / month / year  
- in 2020  
- two days ago  
  
Examples:  
- I met my friend yesterday.  
- She moved to a new house last month.  
- We went to Paris in 2019.  
- He arrived two days ago.

## E

Past simple and past continuous ➜ Unit 3  
Irregular verbs list ➜ Appendix 1

# Exercises

## 1.1 Complete the sentences using the past simple form of the verbs:

watch / go / play / live / cook / clean / listen

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TV last night.

2. My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to school yesterday.

3. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ football in the park.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Spain when I was a child.

5. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 7 o’clock.

6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his room on Sunday.

7. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to music all evening.

## 1.2 Put the verb into the correct form (positive, negative, or question):

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) that movie.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / like) the concert?

3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his homework.

4. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to work.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (they / play) tennis last week?

6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home after the party.

## 1.3 Complete the sentences with the correct time expressions:

last night / yesterday / two days ago / in 2021 / last week / this morning

1. I woke up early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. She called me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. We travelled to Italy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. He arrived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. They had a party \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. I watched that film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.