

Reviewing the past simple

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Lower-intermediate

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English

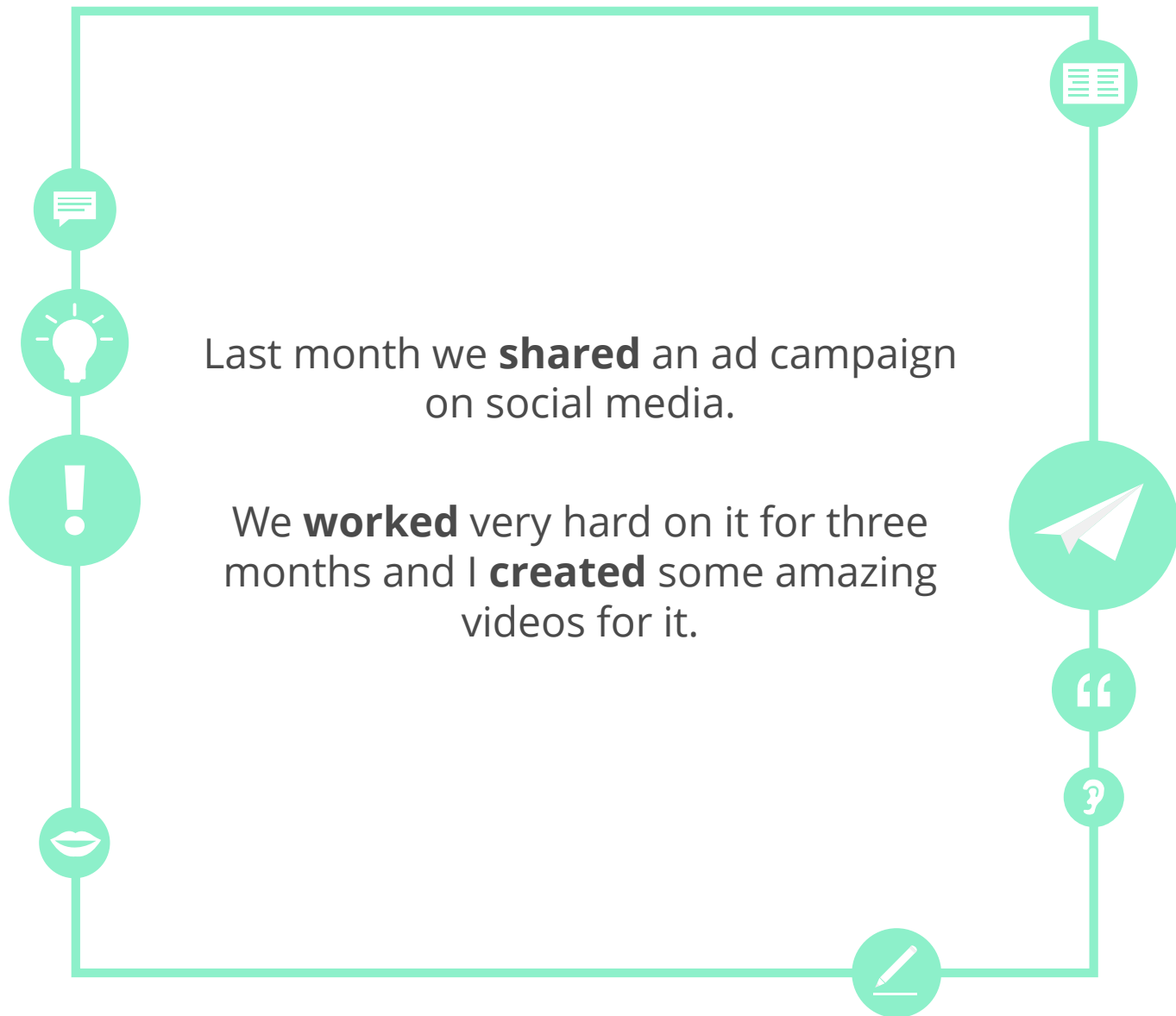




Goals

- Can correctly form and use the past simple.
- Can construct simple sentences with words associated with the past simple.







Warm-up

In this lesson, you review how to form and use the **past simple**.



She **worked** in marketing for a very long time.



Forming the past simple

- We form the past simple by adding '**-d**' to the end of the verb.
- Some verbs require us to add '**-ed**' to the end of them.

Present	Past simple
I work on Tuesdays	I worked on Tuesday
I play golf with my boss	I played golf with my boss



Forming questions in the past simple

- When we use the past simple to ask a question, we use **did** with a verb in the infinitive, without **to**.

Present	Past simple
Do you have work today?	Did you have work today?
Do you work in marketing?	Did you work in marketing?



Forming negatives in the past simple

- When forming the negative in the past simple, we use '**didn't**', short for **did not**.

Positive	Negative
He liked the new marketing campaign	He didn't like the new marketing campaign
We used traditional marketing methods	We didn't use traditional marketing methods



Spelling changes with the past simple



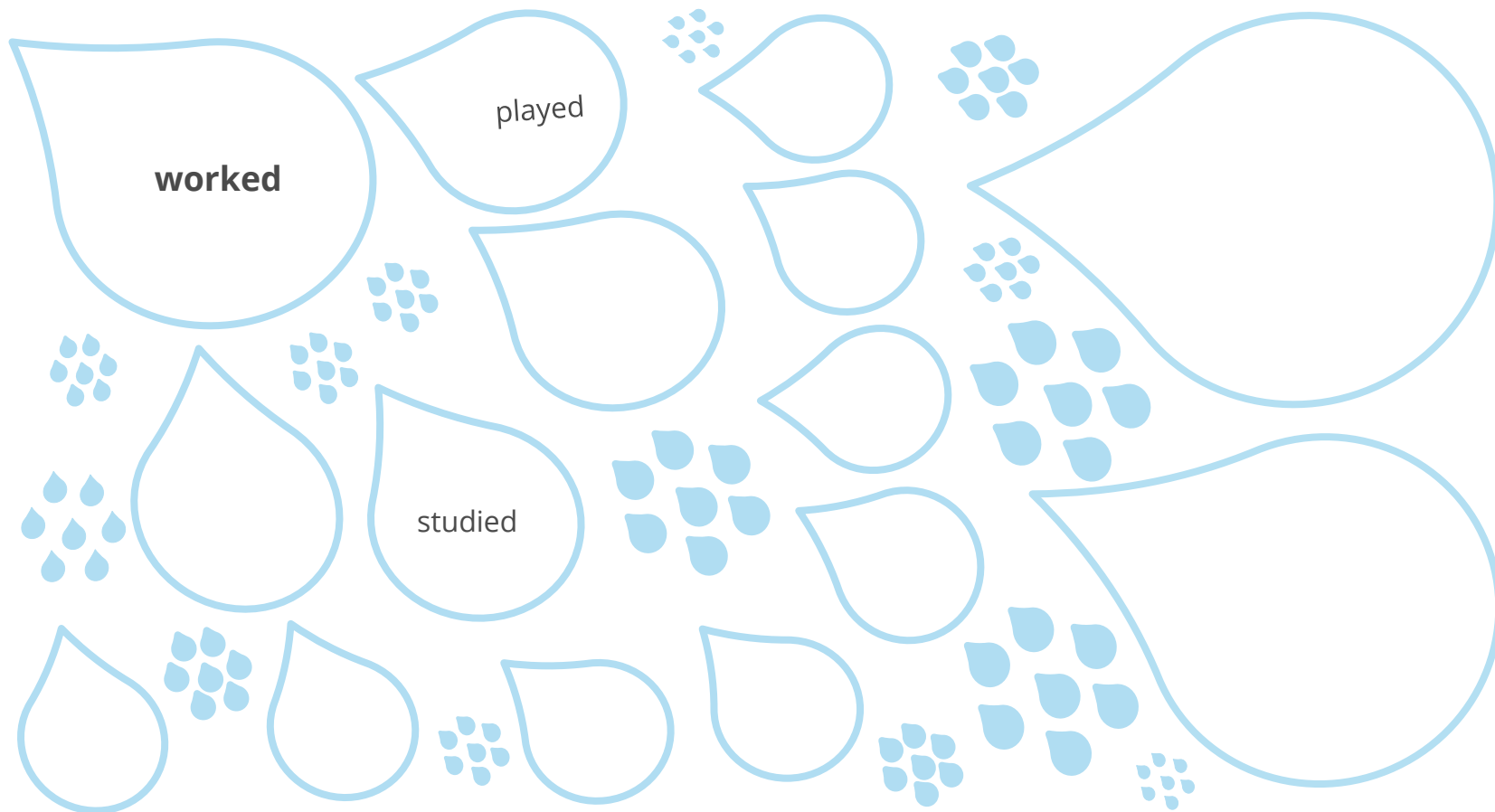
- Some verbs change their spelling when forming the past simple
 - What happens with verbs ending in a **consonant + y**?
 - And those ending in a **stressed vowel + consonant**?

Present simple	→	Past simple
He studies marketing.	→	He stud ied marketing.
She worries a lot at work.	→	She worr ied a lot at work.
They travel to conferences often.	→	They travell ed to conferences often.
I plan all the campaigns.	→	I plann ed all the campaigns.



Brainstorm

Brainstorm all the verbs you know in the past simple





Transform the sentences into the past simple

1. I work at an office.

→ I worked at an office.

2. I like the marketing campaign.

→ _____

3. She helps with our email marketing.

→ _____

4. He posts on the blog.

→ _____

5. We use social media marketing.

→ _____



Fill in the gaps

Read the conversation between two old colleagues and fill in the gaps



I _____ (work) in the marketing department for the same company in the 80s. What _____ you do?

I _____ (manage) the finance department. I _____ (start) as an accountant. _____ you enjoy your job?



I _____ (love) it. We _____ (create) so many fantastic campaigns. What about you?

I also _____ (like) my job, I miss that company!





Speaking

Use the dialogue on the previous page as a model. Talk to your partner about their first job. Ask them where they worked, what they liked and what they didn't like





My terrible boss

Listen to your teacher telling you four things they hated about an old boss. Write notes while you are listening.

personality

habits





Use of the past simple

- We use **past simple** to talk about a **completed action** in a **time before now**.
- This can be something that happened **once in the past**.
- It can also be something that happened **several times in the past**.
 - Or even something that was **true for some time in the past**.

Uses of past simple	
I met my husband in 1993.	We travelled to Spain yesterday.
They always enjoyed visiting their friends.	He played tennis every day.
He lived abroad for ten years	She enjoyed being a student.



Past simple and *ago*



- The word *ago* is often used with the past simple.
- It can be used to specifically express the distance in the past.
 - This can be recent or not:

Past simple	<i>Ago</i>
She created the campaign...	...two weeks ago .
I worked in marketing...	... ten years ago .
We finished the project...	... two hours ago .
Did you live there...	... a long time ago ?





Multiple choice

1. When do we use the past simple?

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| a. to talk about the present | b. to talk about the future | c. to talk about an incomplete past | d. to talk about a completed past |
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2. What word do you use to form the past simple in the negative?

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| a. do | b. not | c. didn't | d. did |
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3. How do you form a question using the past simple?

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| a. did + subject + infinitive (without to) | b. did + subject + past participle | c. do + infinitive (without to) | d. do + past participle |
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4. What word do you use to express a specific distance in the past?

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| a. ago | b. for | c. since | d. yet |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|



Discuss with a partner

A marketing campaign
you liked

The last meeting you
attended

The last email you
received

The last project you
worked on



Imagine you...

... shared a terrible social media post about your company and it went viral. Talk to your colleague about what happened and why.

- Remember to use verbs in the past simple.
- Be specific about when it happened.





One year ago

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To: ALL

Subject: One year ago today

Hey everyone!

We decided to do a fun little activity at lunch and recreate the memory feature we always see on social media.

Come to lunch prepared to talk about your “one year ago” today.

See you all soon,
Kylie

Imagine you receive this email from Kylie. Prepare some sentences using the expression *one year ago*.



Expressions and prepositions associated with the past simple

- There are many expressions we can use that place an action in the past
- This also specifies **exactly when** the action happened.
 - We can also specify when something happened using time prepositions.

Expressions	Time prepositions
I attended the meeting yesterday.	We finished the campaign on Tuesday.
She worked for us the week before last.	She worked for us at Christmas time.
We finished the campaign the day before yesterday.	She designed the post in 20 minutes.



Complete the sentences

Complete the following sentences using the correct vocabulary

1. I _____ like their last marketing campaign at all.
2. I worked the day _____ yesterday.
3. He finished _____ three o'clock.
4. We started the campaign the week before _____.
5. He finished the marketing campaign _____ Friday.



Dialogue

Discuss what tasks you completed at work this week



On Monday I _____.

I finished that the week before last!



The day before yesterday I _____.



Discuss with your teacher

Tell your teacher about a social media marketing campaign that you loved.

Be as specific as possible with your details.





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 3, p16
1. D
2. C
3. A
4. A

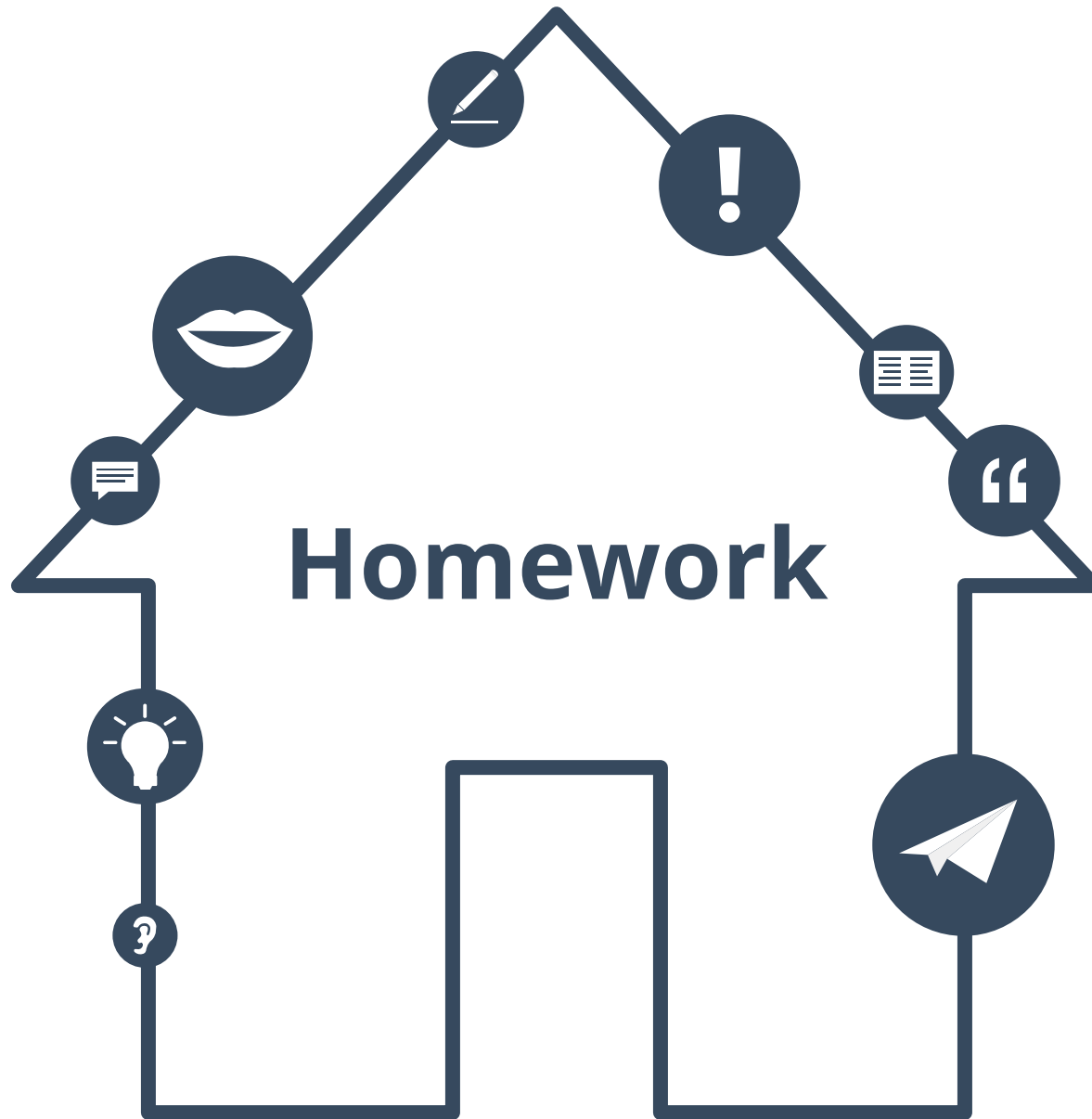
Exercise 2, p11
1. I worked
2. Did
3. Managed
4. Started
5. Did
6. Loved
7. Created
8. Liked

Exercise 1, p10
1. I liked the marketing campaign
2. She helped with our email marketing
3. He posted on the blog
4. We used social media marketing



Answer key

Exercise 4, p22
1. Didn't
2. Before
3. At
4. Last
5. on/last (both possible answers)





Last year I worked on a marketing campaign using email
marketing...



Homework answer key

Exercise 1, pp 23
Past
Worked, helped, did, played, stayed
Work, help, do, play, stay



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