

GRAMMAR

The past simple: common irregular verbs

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can correctly form the past simple of some common irregular verbs.
- I can use the past simple to talk about past situations and experiences.



We **gave** each other lots
of gifts when we
celebrated Christmas.





Review of the past simple

- The past simple for many verbs is simple – just add **-ed** to the verb.
- Sometimes, the **final consonant** of the verb is **doubled**.

Present Simple	Past Simple
play	played
walk	walk ed
travel	travell ed
stop	stop ped

Review of the past simple

- We use the **past simple** to talk about things that happened in the past and are **finished**.

Present Continuous

Today I am walking to the shop.

I am studying English.

Past Simple

Yesterday, I **walked** to the shop.

When I was a child, I **studied** English.



Match the words to the places

1



2



3



4



a They celebrated together.

b He smiled.

c She walked the dog.

d They talked at the office.

What is the past simple?

He plays

She likes

We travel

I walk



Fill in the blanks

Yesterday I _____ New Year's Eve with my family.

We _____ to Spain for the holiday season.

She _____ with me about the book.

We _____ because we were happy.



smiled

celebrated

talked

travelled



Irregular past simple verbs

- Some verbs are **irregular** in the past simple and have a different form.

have

had

give

gave

take

took

eat

ate

run

ran

do

did



- How do you know if a verb is irregular? There are not many rules – you just have to **learn** them. Many verbs for the **senses** and **simple actions** are irregular.

see

saw

do

did

think

thought

give

gave

have

had



Irregular past simple verbs

- Make sure you know the correct **pronunciation** of each verb in the past simple.

say

said

make

made

go

went

come

came

find

found

Irregular past simple verbs

- Make sure you know the correct **pronunciation** of each verb in the past simple.

know

knew

take

took

bring

brought

leave

left

hear

heard



Match the verb to the past simple form

think

heard

did

do

saw

take

hear

see

took

thought



” Say the past simple form

read

do

have

take





Categorise the verbs

Are these verbs regular or irregular in the past simple?



1

talk

2

listen

3

read

4

run

5

travel

6

see

7

eat

8

go

Regular

Irregular



Make sentences

1. **Make a sentence** in the past simple with each verb.
2. **Work** in breakout rooms or together as a class.



go

come

find

give

say

do

make

think

take



Transform the sentences to the past simple

1 She sees her friend.



She saw her friend.

2 He eats a pizza.



3 You read a book today.



4 He does a lot of work.



5 She gives me her number.



6 I know the answer.





Tell a story

Use these 9 irregular verbs to make a story in the past simple about the photo.



bring

say

have

give

go

hear

run

think

eat



End of the lesson

Idiom

to crash a party

Meaning: to go to a party without an invitation

Example: They tried to crash the wedding party, but they weren't let in.



Additional practice



Complete the table with the past simple verbs

eat	ate
go	_____
run	_____
see	_____
_____	took
leave	_____
bring	_____
_____	said
_____	made



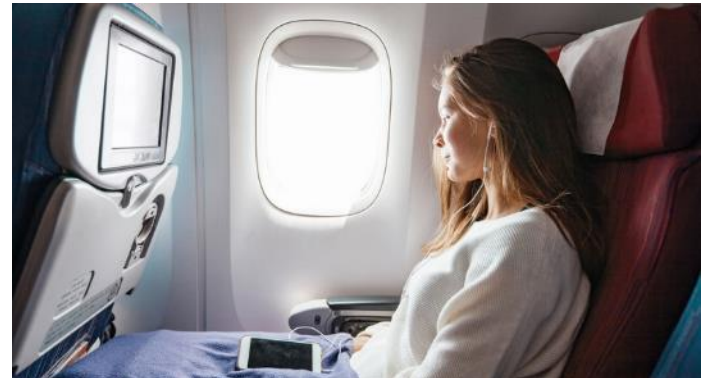


Fill in the gaps

- 1 I _____ lots of photos on my holiday.
- 2 We _____ him when he was a child.
- 3 They _____ a film at the cinema last night.
- 4 Oh no, I _____ my lunch at home today!
- 5 She _____ me a present.

left
knew
saw
took
gave

What happened before these pictures were taken?+





About you

What did you read or watch yesterday?



What did you have for dinner last night?





Answer key

P.6: 1) d, 2) b, 3) a, 4) c

P.7: he played, she liked, we travelled, I walked

P.8: celebrated. Travelled, talked, smiled

P.13: think/thought; hear/heard; take/took; see/saw; do/did

P.14: read/read; have/had; do/did; take/took

P.15: regular verbs: talk, listen, travel. **irregular verbs:** read, run, see, eat, go

P.17: 2) He ate a pizza. 3) You read a book today. 4) He did a lot of work. 5) She gave me her number. 6) I knew the answer.



Answer key



P.22: went, ran, saw, take, left, brought, say, make

P.23: 1) took, 2) knew, 3) saw, 4) left, 5) gave



Summary

Reviewing the regular past simple:

- The past simple for many verbs is simple – just add **-ed** to the verb. Sometimes, the **final consonant** of the verb is **doubled**.
- We use the past simple to talk about things that happened in the past and are **finished**.
- *He walked home yesterday.*

Irregular past simple verbs:

- Some verbs are **irregular** in the past simple and have a different form
- *had, gave, took, ate, ran, did, saw, thought, said, made, went, came, found, knew, took, brought, left, heard*



Vocabulary

had

gave

took

ate

ran

did

saw

thought

said

made

went

came

found

knew

took

brought

left

heard

