

The past simple: common irregular verbs

GRAMMAR

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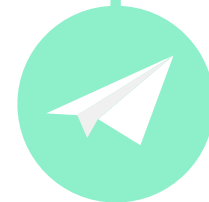


Goals

- Can recognise and understand how to form common past simple irregular verbs Review the past simple of regular verbs.
- Can form simple sentences using irregular past simple verbs.



We **gave** a great presentation at the conference. Then we **celebrated** with drinks after!





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you are going to learn the **past simple** form of some **common irregular verbs**.



We **ate** lunch during the meeting.



Review of the past simple

- We form the past simple for many verbs by adding **-ed** to the verb.
- Sometimes we double the final consonant of the verb.

Present Simple	Past Simple
play	played
walk	walked
travel	travelled
stop	stopped



Review of the past simple

We use the past simple to talk about **completed actions** in the past.

Present Continuous	Past Simple
This morning I am walking to work.	Yesterday morning I walked to work.
I am travelling to York for a meeting.	I travelled to York for a meeting last week.



Match the picture to the sentence

1. We celebrated the boss' birthday together.

2. They smiled at the camera.

3. She walked to the office this morning.

4. I talked to her before the morning meeting.



A



B



C



D



Form the past simple

I travel

we listen

he plays

she walks



Complete the sentences

1. Yesterday we _____ my manager's birthday.
2. We _____ to London for a conference last week.
3. She _____ a lot in the meeting today. So many ideas!
4. He _____ at me during the presentation.

celebrated

smiled

talked

travelled



Common irregular verbs



Some verbs are **irregular** in the past simple:

have	→	had
give	→	gave
take	→	took
eat	→	ate
run	→	ran
do	→	did



Common irregular verbs

You cannot know if a verb is irregular, you simply have to learn them!

Many verbs for the **senses** and **simple actions** are irregular.

Verb	Past Simple
see	saw
do	did
think	thought
give	gave
have	had



Common irregular verbs

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

Verb	Past Simple
say	said
make	made
go	went
come	came
find	found



Common irregular verbs

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

Verb	Past Simple
know	knew
take	took
bring	brought
leave	left
hear	heard



Match each verb to the past simple form





Say the past simple form

read

do

have

take



listen

run

see

go



Using the past simple

Use each verb to form a sentence in the past simple



go

come

find

give

say

do

make

think

take



Describe each picture using the past simple

Use verbs in the past simple to say what happened in each situation.





Write each sentence using the past simple

1. We are walking to work.



2. She sees her boss.



3. He eats lunch with his manager.





Write each sentence using the past simple

1. You read a report today.



2. He does a good job.



3. She gives me her email address.





Write each sentence using the past simple

1. I know the answer.



2. John runs to the meeting.



3. Our flight to London is flying over France.





Story time

Use these 9 irregular verbs to make a story in the past simple about this work event.



bring

say

have

go

give

hear

think

run

eat



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 p. 7

1. A 2. B 3. D 4. C

Exercise p. 8

I travelled, we listened, he played, she walked

Exercise p. 9

1. celebrated
2. travelled
3. talked
4. smiled

Exercise p. 14

think/thought; hear/heard; take/took;
see/saw; do/did

Exercise p. 15

read/read; have/had; do/did; take/took

Exercise p. 16

regular verbs: talk, listen, travel

irregular verbs: read, run, see, eat, go

Exercise p. 19

1. We walked to work.
2. She saw her boss

3. He ate lunch with his manager.

Exercise p. 20

1. You read a report today.
2. He did a good job

3. She gave me her email address.

Exercise p. 21

1. I knew the answer.

2. John ran to the meeting.

3. Our flight to London flew over France.





Complete the table

Present Simple	Present Continuous	Past Simple
they give	they are giving	_____
they talk	_____	they talked
I read	_____	they read
I do	I am doing	_____
he gets	he is getting	_____
_____	_____	he ran
I hear	I am hearing	_____
she sees	she is seeing	_____





Word search

Find the past simple of the verbs

1. do
2. read
3. give
4. think
5. see
6. travel
7. eat
8. talk

T	X	A	T	E	X	T	F	R
R	V	R	F	E	F	H	S	S
E	T	A	L	K	E	D	J	A
V	R	M	H	I	H	R	G	W
E	A	Y	F	T	O	H	F	P
L	V	E	O	H	X	R	P	Y
I	E	G	D	O	G	D	Y	X
L	L	I	D	U	R	R	K	O
E	L	X	V	G	E	E	J	J
D	E	R	F	H	Q	A	T	M
O	D	F	R	T	B	D	I	D
G	A	V	E	C	X	B	J	S



Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

Verbs



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**



Examples:

I don't understand

→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.

He has a book

→ We have a book

...



Easy or difficult?

**Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?**

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical sheet of white paper with horizontal lines, resembling a notepad. It has a dark blue vertical line on the left side and a series of small circles along the left edge, suggesting it's a spiral-bound notebook.



Homework answer key

(in order)
they gave
they are talking
I am reading
I did
he gave
he runs, he is running
I heard
she saw



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