Past simple (Simple past)

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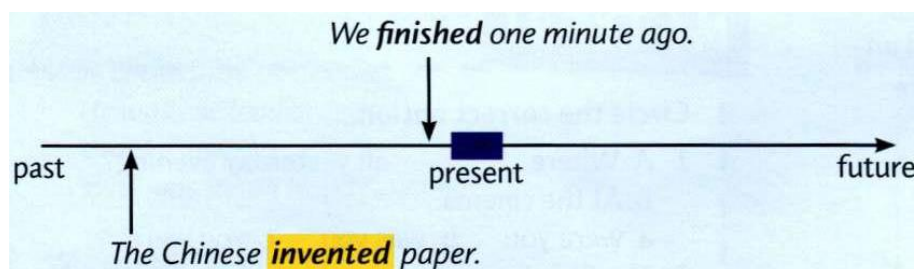Colegio Anáhuac

Inglés

Past simple

1. Use the past simple for pas actions, states and general truths.

> I **phoned** Julia yesterday.
> Did you **stay** at the party long last night.
> Once people **didn't believe** the world was round.

2. The past time could be recent or distant.

3. Add **–ed** to make the past simple (regular for all persons. Use **did not** and the infinitive without **to** to make the negative and use **did** to make a question. We usually say and write **didn't** instead of **did not** in informal situations, e.g. an emal to friend.

	statement ✓	negative ✗
I/You/We/They	**like** …?	Yes, (I) **do**. No, (I) **don't.**
question ?		**short answer**
Did I/you/he/she/it/we/they	**start**?	Yes, (I) **did**. No, (he) **did not** (**didn't**).

Affirmative statement	
I/You/We/They	think
He/She/It	thinks

With most verbs, just add **–s** after the verb.

> think → he thinks
> - After verbs which end –o,– ch, –sh, –ss, –x, add **–es**.
> go → she go**es**
> do → he do**es**
> catch → he catch**es**
> push → she pushes
> miss → it miss**es**
> fix → she fix**es**

- When the verb ends in **consonant** + **–y**, drop the **–y** and add –**ies**.
  fly → the bird fl**ies**.
- But add **–s** when ends in **vowel** + **–y**.
  play → he play**s**
  enjoy →she enjoy**s**
- Irregular forms:
  have → he **has**

4. To make **negative forms** in the present simple, use **don't** and **doesn't** + the infinitive form without **to** of the verb.

They **don't have** black and white fur.
A mother gorilla **doesn't have** many babies.

Negative statement	
I/You/We/They	**do not** (**don't**) believe
He/She/It	**does** not (**doesn't**) believe

5. To make a question, use **do** or **does** in front of the subject.

Do you **like** zoos?
Does the park **cost** a lot of money?

6. Use **do** or **does** in the affirmative short answer and **don't** or **doesn't** in the negative short answer.

Yes, I **do**.
No, he **doesn't**.

Question (?)			short answer ✓✘
Do	I/You/We/They	**like** …?	Yes, (I) **do**. No, (I) **don't.**
Does	he/She/It	**like** …?	Yes, (he) **does**. No, (he) **doesn't.**