

## Practical work

1) Read the explanation of Past Simple (leer la explicación de Pasado Simple)

# SIMPLE PAST TENSE

## POSITIVE

He met his wife 6 years ago.

I graduated from the university.

They watched a movie yesterday.

You went to the bed early.

She studied in the library.

They had dinner last night.

He felt sad yesterday.

We made a cake for you.

The police found some clues.

I became a teacher two years ago.

## NEGATIVE

He didn't meet her.

I didn't graduate.

They didn't watch a movie.

You didn't go to the bed early.

She didn't study in the library.

They didn't have dinner.

The police didn't find any clues.

I didn't become a teacher.

He didn't feel sad yesterday.

We didn't make a cake for you.

## QUESTION

Did he feel sad yesterday ?

Did they watch a movie ?

Did he meet her ?

Did she study in the library ?

Did the police find any clues ?

Did we make a cake for you ?

Did you go to the bed early ?

Did they have dinner last night ?

Did I graduate ?

Did I become a teacher ?

# When do we use the simple past?



## Completed action in the past

He **broke** his tooth last week.

Peter **cooked** dinner last night.

## Habits in the past

Peter **played** the piano when he **was** a child.

He **studied** Spanish when he **was** a student.

## Series of completed actions

He **sat down**, **took out** a notebook and a pen, and **started** taking notes.

He **made** breakfast, **drove** his son to school, and **went** to work.

The simple past tense of most verbs ends in **-ed**. These verbs are called **regular verbs**.

- Base form + **ed**  
Watch / Watch**ed** . Play / Play**ed**
- Verbs ending in a consonant +Y change **-y** to **-i** + **ed**  
Study / Stud**ied** . Carry / Carri**ed**
- Verbs ending in **-e** + **d**  
Close / Clos**ed** . Like / Lik**ed**

The simple past form of some verbs does not end in **-ed**. Such verbs are called **irregular verbs**.

Write / wrote ( not writed )  
Speak / Spoke ( not speaked )  
eat / ate ( not eated )  
Read / read ( not readed )

2) Complete the table with the missing verbs. Use the Irregular verbs list at the end of the copies.  
(Completar la tabla con los verbos que faltan. Usá la lista de verbos irregulares al final de las copias)

Infinitive	Past	Infinitive	Past
believe	believed		had
	turned		was / were
come		laugh	
	did	begin	
make			logged on
think		set up	
expect		go	

3) Write questions and answer them.

1 Sarah / go / cinema / yesterday? (theatre)

Did Sarah go to the cinema yesterday?

No, she didn't. She went to the theatre.

2 John and Henry / play / football / Sunday? (rugby)

3 your mother / make / chocolate cake /  
yesterday? (lemon pie)

4 your brother / go / excursion / yesterday? (last  
week)

4) Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

**Felix:** Where (1) did you go (you / go) last week?

**Alfred:** We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on an  
adventure holiday.

**Felix:** Why (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) it an  
'adventure' holiday?

**Alfred:** Because we (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (not can)  
take our electronic gadgets.

**Felix:** (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / like) the  
experience?

**Alfred:** Not much. We (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (not  
watch) films and we (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
(not play) video games.

**Felix:** What (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) then?

**Alfred:** We (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) long  
conversations and we (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
(observe) nature.

**Felix:** Not so bad then!



# IRREGULAR VERBS

infinitive to ...	past simple	past participle have/has ...	infinitive to ...	past simple	past participle have/has ...	infinitive to ...	past simple	past participle have/has ...
be	was/were	been	grow	grew	grown	set	set	set
beat	beat	beaten	hang	hung	hung	sew	sewed	sewn/sewed
become	became	become	have	had	had	shake	shook	shaken
begin	began	begun	hear	heard	heard	shine	shone	shone
bite	bit	bitten	hide	hid	hidden	shoot	shot	shot
blow	blew	blown	hit	hit	hit	show	showed	shown/showed
break	broke	broken	hold	held	held	shrink	shrank	shrunk
bring	brought	brought	hurt	hurt	hurt	shut	shut	shut
build	built	built	keep	kept	kept	sing	sang	sung
buy	bought	bought	know	knew	known	sink	sank	sunk
catch	caught	caught	lay	laid	laid	sit	sat	sat
choose	chose	chosen	lead	led	led	sleep	slept	slept
come	came	come	leave	left	left	smell	smelt	smelt
cost	cost	cost	lend	lent	lent	speak	spoke	spoken
cut	cut	cut	let	let	let	spend	spent	spent
do	did	done	lie	lay	lain	spread	spread	spread
draw	drew	drawn	light	lit	lit	stand	stood	stood
dream	dreamt (-ed)	dreamt (-ed)	lose	lost	lost	steal	stole	stolen
drink	drank	drunk	make	made	made	stick	stuck	stuck
drive	drove	driven	mean	meant	meant	strike	struck	struck
eat	ate	eaten	meet	met	met	swim	swam	swum
fall	fell	fallen	pay	paid	paid	swing	swung	swung
feed	fed	fed	put	put	put	take	took	taken
feel	felt	felt	read	read [red]*	read [red]*	teach	taught	taught
fight	fought	fought	ride	rode	ridden	tear	tore	torn
find	found	found	ring	rang	rung	tell	told	told
fly	flew	flown	rise	rose	risen	think	thought	thought
forget	forgot	forgotten	run	ran	run	throw	threw	thrown
forgive	forgave	forgiven	say	said	said	understand	understood	understood
freeze	froze	frozen	see	saw	seen	wake	woke	woken
get	got	got	seek	sought	sought	wear	wore	worn
give	gave	given	sell	sold	sold	win	won	won
go	went	gone	send	sent	sent	write	wrote	written