

Past Indefinite

The Past Simple Tense is used to refer to actions that were completed in a time period before the present time.

We use Past simple for Finished actions, states or habits in the past.

Use 1: We use it with **finished actions, states or habits** in the past when we have a finished time word (yesterday, last week, at 2 o'clock, in 2003).

1. I went to the cinema yesterday.
2. We spent a lot of time in Japan in 2007.

Use 2: We use it with finished actions, states or habits in the past when we know from general knowledge that the time period has finished. This includes when the person we are talking about is dead.

1. Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.
2. The Vikings invaded Britain.

Use 3: For **stories or lists of events**, we often use the past simple for the actions in the story and the past continuous for the background.

He went to a café. People were chatting and music was playing. He sat down and ordered a coffee.

Structure:

- **Subject + Past simple Form + object.**