## Past simple

**Past simple** is a grammatical tense in English used to describe actions, events, or situations that occurred at a specific point in the past and are now completed. It is one of the most common tenses in English and is typically used for actions that happened at a definite time in the past, often accompanied by time expressions like yesterday, last week, in 2001, etc.

The structure of the past simple tense for regular verbs is as follows:

## For regular verbs:

- Affirmative (positive) form: Subject + past tense verb (+ed)
  - Example: She worked at the company last year.
- Negative form: Subject + did not (didn't) + base form of the verb
  - Example: They didn't eat lunch at the restaurant.
- Interrogative (question) form: Did + subject + base form of the verb?
  - Example: Did you visit the museum last weekend?

For irregular verbs, the past simple tense forms vary and do not follow a consistent pattern. These verbs have unique past tense forms.

## **Examples** of past simple sentences:

- 1. I visited Paris last summer.
  - The action of visiting took place in the past, and it is now completed.
- 2. He **studied** for the exam all night.
  - The action of studying occurred in the past, and it was a completed action.
- 3. They **didn't watch** the movie last night.
  - The negative form indicates that the action of watching did not happen in the past.
- 4. **Did you enjoy** the concert?

• The question form is used to ask about the completion of the action (enjoying) in the past.

## **Summary Chart**:

Structure	Example
Affirmative (regular verbs)	She worked at the company last year.
Negative (regular verbs)	They didn't eat lunch at the restaurant.
Interrogative (regular verbs)	Did you visit the museum last weekend?