***PRESENT SIMPLE vs PAST SIMPLE***

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| **PRESENT SIMPLE** | **PAST SIMPLE** |
| **USE** | |
| * repeated / habitual actions (routines / habits) * facts * permanent states * fixed arrangements, scheduled events (e.g. timetable) * sequence of actions in the present (first - then, after that) * instructions | * actions (single or repeated) started and finished in a definite moment of the past * series of completed actions in the past |
| **SIGNAL WORDS** | |
| * adverbs of frequency (always, often, sometimes, never, etc) * expressions of frequency (every day, every Christmas, every month, every summer, once a week, once a year, on Mondays, on weekdays, on/at weekends, etc) | * past time adverbs and expressions (yesterday, the day before, last week, last month, last year, last Sunday, last spring, last night, etc) |
| **FORM** | |
| **Affirmative:**   * subject (I/you/we/they) **+** main verb * subject (**he / she / it**) **+** main verb + **S** (see spelling rules below)   Examples  I ***play*** hockey.  She ***plays*** hockey.  I ***go*** to work by bus.  He ***goes*** to work by bus. | **Affirmative:**   * **REGULAR VERBS:** main verb **+** **ED** * **IRREGULAR VERBS:** 2nd column of the list of irregular verbs   Examples  I ***played*** hockey yesterday.  She  I ***went*** to work by bus last week.  He |
| **Interrogative (Questions):**   * auxiliary **+** subject **+** main verb   **DO DOES**  **(he/she/it)**  Examples  ***Do*** you ***play*** hockey?  ***Does*** she ***play*** hockey?  ***Do*** you ***go*** to work by bus?  ***Does*** he ***go*** to work by bus? | **Interrogative (Questions):**   * auxiliary **+** subject **+** main verb   **DID**  Examples  ***Did*** you ***play*** hockey yesterday?  she  ***Did*** I ***go*** to work by bus last week?  he |
| **Negative:**   * subject **+** auxiliary + not **+** main verb     **DO NOT DOES NOT** (he/she/it)  **DON’T DOESN’T**  Examples  I ***don’t play*** hockey.  She ***doesn’t play*** hockey.  I ***don’t go*** to work by bus.  He ***doesn’t go*** to work by bus. | **Negative:**   * subject **+** auxiliary + not **+** main verb   **DID NOT**  **DIDN’T**  Examples  I ***didn’t play*** hockey yesterday.  She  I ***didn’t go*** to work by bus last week.  He |
| **TIPS:**   * *Notice that the* ***AUXILIARY VERB*** *in both Present Simple and Past Simple is the same, that is verb*   ***TO DO****, but conjugated according to the tense we are forming (Present-* ***DO-DOES*** *or Past Simple-*  ***DID****).*   * *As you have noticed, in simple tenses we only use the auxiliary verb in the Interrogative and Negative*   *Forms (we do not use it in the Affirmative).*   * *In both Present and Past Simple, when using the auxiliary, that is in the Interrogative and Negative forms, we conjugate the auxiliary and not the main verb, which in these cases will always be in the BASE FORM (infinitive without TO)* | |
| **SPELLING RULES** | |
| In the verb for the 3rd persons of the singular (he/she/it), take the following into account:   * Final Y preceded by a consonant, change the Y into I and add ES (e.g. stud**y** stud***ies***) * Final S, X, CH, SH, O, add ES   (e.g. wash wash***es*** / go go***es***) | In regular verbs, take the following into account:   * Final E, add just D (e.g. love love***d***) * Monosyllabic verbs ending in consonant-vowel-consonant, make the final consonant double and add ED (e.g. stop stop***ped*** / rob rob***bed*** ) (never double "w, x, y") * Final Y preceded by a consonant, change the Y into I and add ED (e.g. stud**y** stud***ied***) |