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Simple Past Tense - Form

THE FORMS OF SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Affirmative: [VERB + ed] or IRREGULAR VERB

Examples:

- I **played** football yesterday**.** (regular verb)
- Leonardo da Vinci **lived** from 1452 to 1519. (regular verb)
- She **bought** some fruits last night. (irregular verb)
- They **saw** him in the park. (irregular verb)

Negative: did not + [VERB]

Examples:

- I **did not wash** the dishes.
- You **did not play** the piano.
- She **didn't sleep** well last night.
- Sharon **didn't put** the book on the table.

Negative contraction:

- did not = didn't

Interrogative: Did + SUBJECT + [VERB]

Examples:

- **Did** you **have** your breakfast? Yes, I did / No I didn't.
- **Did** she **work** yesterday? Yes, she did / No, she didn't.

You can add a **question word** (what, where, when, etc.) before **did** to ask for more information.

- **What** did you do the last weekend? I studied Science.
- **Where** did she go? She went to the school.
- **When** did you play baseball? I played baseball last night.
- **Why** didn't you tell me about the accident?
- **How** did you do that?

NOTE: The auxiliary **did** is used to form the negative and interrogative forms.

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Spelling rules for [VERB + ed]

Here are the spelling rules:

Most regular verbs **Add -ed**	clean - clean**ed** need – need**ed** talk - talk**ed** wash - wash**ed**
Regular verbs ending in: "-e" **Add –d**	care - car**ed** die - di**ed** love – lov**ed** like – lik**ed** live - liv**ed**
Regular verbs endings in: consonant + y **Change y to i + -ed**	carry – carri**ed** cry - cri**ed** hurry – hurri**ed** study – studi**ed**
Regular verbs endings in: vowel + y **Do not change y, just add -ed**	pray – pray**ed** stay – stay**ed** destroy - destroy**ed** *but pay-paid, lay-laid, say-said.*
One-syllable regular verbs endings in: consonant + vowel + consonant **Double final consonant + -ed**	drop - dropp**ed** plan – plann**ed** stop – stopp**ed** *Do not double one-syllable regular verbs endings in: -w, -x or -y* snow – snow**ed** mix - mix**ed** play – play**ed**
Two or more syllables regular verbs endings in: consonant + vowel + consonant **Double final consonant + -ed** **(only if the last syllable is stressed)**	admit – admitt**ed** prefer – preferr**ed** travel – travell**ed(UK)** travel**ed (US)** marvel – marvell**ed(UK)** marvel**ed (US)** *Do not double if the last syllable is not stressed* happen – happen**ed** offer - offer**ed** suffer - suffer**ed** visit - visit**ed**

Irregular verbs

For irregular verbs, use the past form:

- eat -> **ate**
- go -> **went**
- see -> **saw**