

Grammar Power 8

Verb Tense

SIMPLE PAST

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What is the simple past?

The simple past tense expresses a completed action or describes a situation in the past.

When do we use the simple past?

- When the event is **in the past**.
- When the event is **completely finished**.



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How do we conjugate the simple past? Regular verbs.

- With regular verbs, simply add -ed.

To talk

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I talked	I did not talk	Did I talk?
You talked	You did not talk	Did you talk?
He talked	He did not talk	Did he talk?
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SIMPLE PAST -ED



1- General rule

Simply add -ed to the base form of the verb.

Examples: answer / answered

show / showed

visit / visited

fill / filled

2- Verbs ending in -y

When the -y is preceded by a **vowel**, apply the **general rule**.

Examples: play / played

enjoy / enjoyed

stay / stayed

pray / prayed

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When the **-y** is preceded by a **consonant**, change the **-y** for an **-i** and add **-ed**.

Examples:

carry / carried

cry / cried

try/ tried

study/ studied

3- Doubled consonant

With verbs of **one** or **two syllables** that end by **a consonant + a vowel + a consonant**, **double** the last **consonant** and add **-ed**.

Examples:

drop / dropped

stop / stopped

tap/ tapped

rub / rubbed

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4- Verbs ending in -e

Simply add **-d**.

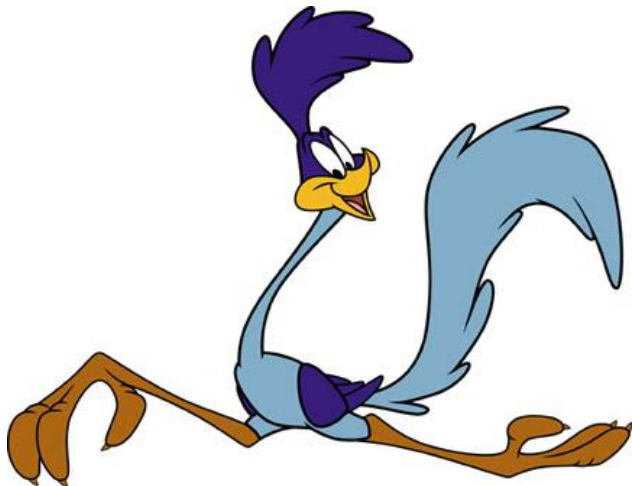
Examples:

like / liked

live / lived

create / created

die / died



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How do we conjugate the simple past? Irregular verbs.

- With irregular verbs, use the past form of the verb.

To go

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I went	I did not go	Did I go?
You went	You did not go	Did you go?
He went	He did not go	Did he go?
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What are the keywords?

Yesterday	Yesterday morning, the day before yesterday.
Ago	Two minutes ago, three days ago, two days ago.
In	In 1990, in November 2009.
Last	Last Friday, last weekend.
Others	The other day, from 2005 to 2008, between 2005 to 2008, before.

