



Simple Past

Use

- We use the Simple Past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past. Sometimes, the speaker may not actually mention the specific time, but they do have one specific time in mind.

I saw a movie yesterday

- We use the Simple Past to list a series of completed actions in the past.

I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim

- The Simple Past can be used with a duration which starts and stops in the past. A duration is a longer action often indicated by expressions such as: for two years, for five minutes, all day, all year, etc.

I lived in England for two years

- The Simple Past can also be used to describe a habit which stopped in the past. It is normally used with frequency adverbs.

Did you play a musical instrument when you were a kid?

- The Simple Past can also be used to describe past facts or generalizations which are no longer true.

He didn't like tomatoes before.

Form

[VERB+ed] or irregular verbs

Affirmative sentences:

He played football.

She went to school in Ireland.

Negative sentences:

He did not play football.

He didn't play football.

She did not go to school in Ireland.

She didn't go to school in Ireland.

Questions:

Did he play football?

Did she go to school in Ireland?

Spelling rules

Infinitive	Past	Spelling
watch play	watched played	Add <i>-ed</i>
live smoke	lived smoked	add <i>-d</i>
stop	stopped	one vowel+one consonant=double consonant
study	studied	consonant+y= <i>ied</i>