**Simple Past**

**Simple Past Forms**

The simple past is formed using the **verb + ed**. In addition, there are many [verbs with irregular past forms](https://www.englishpage.com/irregularverbs/irregularverbs.html). Questions are made with ***did*** and negative forms are made with ***did not***.

* Statement: You **called** him.
* Question: **Did** you **call** him?
* Negative: You **did not call** him.

# **Simple Past Forms**

**Most Verbs**

Most verbs conjugate by adding *-ed* like the verb "wait" below.

**النفي Did not + فعل مجرد**

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| Positive | Negative | Question |
| I **waited**. | I **did not wait**. | **Did** I **wait**? |
| You **waited**. | You **did not wait**. | **Did** you **wait**? |
| We **waited**. | We **did not wait**. | **Did** we **wait**? |
| They **waited**. | They **did not wait**. | **Did** they **wait**? |
| He **waited**. | He **did not wait**. | **Did** he **wait**? |
| She **waited**. | She **did not wait**. | **Did** she **wait**? |
| It **waited**. | It **did not wait**. | **Did** it **wait**? |

**Irregular Verbs**

Many verbs, such as **"have,"** take irregular forms in the simple past. Notice that you only use the irregular verbs in statements. In negative forms and questions, **"did**" indicates simple past.

Take took

Have had

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| Positive | Negative | Question |
| I **had**. | I **did not have**. | **Did** I **have**? |
| You **had**. | You **did not have**. | **Did** you **have**? |
| We **had**. | We **did not have**. | **Did** we **have**? |
| They **had**. | They **did not have**. | **Did** they **have**? |
| He **had**. | He **did not have**. | **Did** he **have**? |
| She **had**. | She **did not have**. | **Did** she **have**? |
| It **had**. | It **did not have**. | **Did** it **have**? |

**To Be**

The verb "be" is also irregular in the simple past. Unlike other irregular verbs, **there are two simple past forms**: "was" and "were." It also has different question forms and negative forms. Always remember that you DO NOT use "did" with the verb "be" in the simple past.

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| Positive | Negative | Question |
| I **was**. | I **was not**. | **Was** I? |
| You **were**. | You **were not**. | **Were** you? |
| We **were**. | We **were not**. | **Were** we? |
| They **were**. | They **were not**. | **Were** they? |
| He **was**. | He **was not**. | **Was** he? |
| She **was**. | She **was not**. | **Was** she? |
| It **was**. | It **was not**. | **Was** it? |

**Modal Verbs**

Modal verbs behave very strangely in the simple past. The most important verb to remember is "must." Notice how it becomes "had to" in the simple past.

"Must" becomes "had to":

* I **must** call my wife now.
* I **had to** call my wife yesterday.

**Simple Past Uses استعمالات الماضي البسيط**

**USE 1 Completed Action in the Pastحدث بدء وانتهى في الماضي**

simple past completed action

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.

Examples:

* I **saw** a movie yesterday. film
* I **didn't see** a play yesterday.
* Last year, I **traveled** to Japan.
* Last year, I **didn't travel** to Korea.
* **Did** you **have** dinner last night?
* She **washed** her car.
* He **didn't wash** his c

**USE 2 A Series of Completed Actions**

**سلسلة احداث كلها انتهت في الماضي (تتابع الاحداث)**

simple past series

We use the simple past to list a series of completed actions in the past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.

Examples:

* I **finished** work, **walked** to the beach, and **found** a nice place to swim.
* He **arrived** from the airport at 8:00, **checked** into the hotel at 9:00, and **met** the others at 10:00.
* **Did** you **add** flour, **pour** in the milk, and then **add** the eggs?
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**USE 3 Past Facts في الماضي حقائق**

simple past fact

Examples:

**s + was/ were+ adj ( (صفة**

* She **was** shy as a child, but now she is very outgoing.
* The cat was scared of the dogs.
* Mary and john were happy.الجملة لا تحتوي على افعال