

Lesson 4

unit 5: **SIMPLE PAST**

(1) **Simple Past** expresses a one-time completed past event.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart **was** an Austrian musician and composer. He **lived** from 1756 to 1791. He **started** composing at the age of five and **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music. He **was** only 35 years old when he **died**.

Very often the past simple ends in **-ed** (regular verbs):

- *I work in a travel agency now. Before that I **worked** in a department store.*
- *They **invited** us to their party, but we **decided** not to go.*
- *The police **stopped** me on my way home last night.*
- For spelling, see Appendix 6.

Many verbs are **irregular**:

- *Mozart **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music.*
- *We **saw** Alice in town a few days ago.*
- *I **went** to the cinema three times last week.*
- For a list of irregular verbs, see Appendix 1.

Be as Main Verb.

- *Ted was the best student in Mr. Bob's class.*
- *He wasn't a good student in economics.*
- *Was Ted the best student in Mr. Bob's class ?*

Yes, he was/ No, he wasn't.

- *Who was the best student in Mr. Bob's class ?*

With all Other Verbs

- *Ted came here a year ago.*
- *He didn't know much English then.*
- *Did he study hard? Yes, he did./ No, he didn't.*
- *They helped Ted last year.*
- *Who helped Ted last year?*
- *What did he study?*

Make info. questions

The soldiers fought the insurgents near the borders last Monday.

Thank you

- 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 p. 11 (**G in use**)