



Past Simple

The past simple tense is used to talk about any event that happened in the past and has finished, including events that happened once or were repeated, a series of events, a duration of time in the past, with a changed state and with stative verbs. Keywords typically used in the past simple tense are: **ago, yesterday, in, once, then, this** and **last**.

To create the past simple tense, typically we add ED to the end of the infinitive verb, but there are a few exceptions;

- ⇒ Last letters are consonant, vowel, consonant, double the final consonant then add ED → **stop - stopped** (unless the final letter is an X or W or the stress is on the first syllable of the verb)
- ⇒ Last letter is E, only add D → **dance - danced**
- ⇒ Last letter is C, add KED → **picnic - picnicked**
- ⇒ Last letters are consonant + Y, eliminate Y and add IED → **study - studied**
- ⇒ Last letters are vowel + Y, add ED → **play - played**
- ⇒ There are also numerous irregular verbs you need to learn (including the verb “to be”)

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I walked	I didn't walk	Did I walk?
You walked	You didn't walk	Did you walk?
He walked	He didn't walk	Did he walk?
She walked	She didn't walk	Did she walk?
It walked	It didn't walk	Did it walk?
We walked	We didn't walk	Did we walk?
They walked	They didn't walk	Did they walk?