



## A. PAST TENSES

### 1. PAST SIMPLE tense (P.S.t)

#### USAGE:

We use “Past Simple Tense” to talk about actions that happened in the past -the finished actions. The Past Simple is usually made by adding **ED** to the verb.

**Examples:** 0. A cat **touched** a baby duck's head.

1. I **opened** Grammatical Detail pRaCTiCe Book.
2. I and my wife **visited** our parents two months ago.
3. She **laughed** when I told her the joke.
4. The airplane **landed** thirty minutes ago.



#### FORMS:

##### **+** Positive form:

Subjective + Verb (past) + Objective + (time expression).

e.g: I and my wife visited our parents two months ago.

##### **-** Negative form:

Sub + did not + Verb(present) + Obj + (time expression).

e.g: My god sister did not visit her parents two months ago.

##### **?** Question form:

Did+ Sub + Verb(present) + Obj + (time expression)?

e.g: Did you visit your parents two months ago?

##### **A** Short Answer:

Yes, + Sub + did.

No, + Sub + did not.



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✦ We add d, ed, ied to the verb in case we made positive form.

☑ If a verb ends e, we just add d to make positive past simple tense.

- We **lived** in Svay Rieng in 2002.
- Elisha **closed** all windows yesterday.
- He **smiled** when he saw me.



☑ If a verb ends in y and in front of y as consonant, change the y to i and add ed.

- Sam Ean **studied** English at Asia HRDC in 2007.
- Rithy **carried** his wife's shopping bag.
- Rattana **tried** to help me with my homework.



☑ If a verb has a syllable and consists one vowel+ one consonant, double consonant then add ed.

- The train **stopped** there five minutes ago.
- He **slammed** the door and walked off angrily.
- The stranger **grabbed** my arm.



☑ **Exception:** if a verb ends in X, W and Y before y as vowel, just add 'ed'.

- Her brother **fixed** his car yesterday.
- Their children **played** football in the garden on Sunday.
- My mother **sewed** my trousers last night.

✦ The words **was** and **were** are the past simple forms of the verb **be**.

- ≥ **Was** is the past simple form of **am** and **is**. Use **was** with **singular nouns** like 'my friend' 'the student' 'the doctor' and with singular pronouns **he, she** and **it**.
- ≥ **Were** is the past simple form of **are**. Use **were** with **plural nouns** like 'my friends' 'the students' 'the doctors' and with pronouns **we, you, and they**.





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1. My mom **was** sad yesterday.
2. Twenty years ago, I **was** eight year-old.
3. My friends **were** tired yesterday evening.
4. The students **were** hungry yesterday afternoon.
5. Those **were** my best jeans.
6. This **was** my lovely book.
7. John and I **were** in the garden.

Subjective uses with was and were



► Here is a table to help you remember how to use **was** and **were**.

| Persons       | Singular | Plural    |
|---------------|----------|-----------|
| First person  | I was    | We were   |
| Second person | You were | You were  |
| Third person  | She was  | They were |
|               | He was   | They were |
|               | It was   | They were |

| Full form    | Short form   |
|--------------|--------------|
| I was not    | We weren't   |
| You were not | You weren't  |
| She was not  | They weren't |
| He was not   | They weren't |
| It was not   | They weren't |

### ► IRREGULAR VERBS

Many common verbs have unusual present and past tense forms. These are called **irregular verbs**.

Remember that the past simple tense of most verbs is made by adding **ed** at the end: **look** becomes **looked**. Notice that the past simple tense of these common **irregular verbs** is quite different.

#### Irregular verb (infinitive)

Break  
Bring  
Buy  
Catch  
Come  
Do  
Fall  
Feed  
Feel  
Fly  
Get

#### Past verbs (Second verbs)

broke  
brought  
bought  
caught  
came  
did  
fell  
fed  
felt  
flew  
got







## Irregular verb (infinitive)

Go  
Have  
Keep  
Kneel  
Know  
Leave  
Lose  
Meet  
Ring  
Run  
See  
Sell  
Sleep  
Speak  
Write

## Past verbs (Second verbs)

went  
had  
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knew  
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met  
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saw  
sold  
slept  
spoke  
wrote



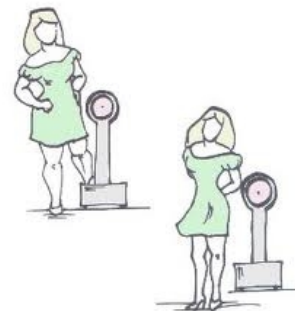
- The past simple tense of other irregular verbs does not change at all.

VerbPast verbexample

Cost  
Cut  
Hit  
Hurt  
Let  
Put  
Read

Cost  
Cut  
Hit  
Hurt  
let  
put  
read

I bought a new DVD. It **cost** three dollars.  
Her sister **cut** her hair yesterday.  
He **hit** the ball into a neighbor's garden.  
I **hurt** my leg when I jumped off the wall.  
Dad opened the door and **let** us in.  
The tea tasted horrible because I **put** too much sugar.  
Mom **read** us a story last night.





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## EXERCISES PRACTICE:

I. Write each past tense verb below into the correct column of figures.

|         |         |          |         |            |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| laughed | lived   | smiled   | landed  | cried      |
| pinned  | hurried | played   | hopped  | tried      |
| grabbed | raced   | stayed   | fixed   | liked      |
| walked  | planned | mixed    | wagged  | talked     |
| studied | hewed   | replayed | stopped | identified |

| Verb + ed | Verb + d | Double the last letter + ed | Exception verb x, w, y (not double) | Change y to i and ed |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| laughed   | smiled   | pinned                      | stayed                              | hurried              |
|           |          |                             |                                     |                      |
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II. Complete the sentences with past simple tense of the verbs in brackets.

- The girls \_\_\_\_\_ (whisper) secrets to each other.
- David \_\_\_\_\_ (hurry) to catch his bus.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (return) their books to the library.
- Marry \_\_\_\_\_ (kiss) the frog and it \_\_\_\_\_ (change) into a prince.
- Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (tap) me on the shoulder.
- The small baby \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) when her mother took her toy away.
- Dave \_\_\_\_\_ (pin) the badge onto his jacket.
- Three doctors \_\_\_\_\_ (rush) into the room.
- That is the house that she \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in when she was younger.
- My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone five hours last night.
- Eliza and Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (lower) themselves into the chair.





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### III. Write was or were in the blank spaces in the following passage.

It \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful summer's day and there \_\_\_\_\_ n't a cloud in the sky. Mom, Dad and I \_\_\_\_\_ all in the garden. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ in the vegetable garden planting some seeds and Mom and I \_\_\_\_\_ busy with other jobs. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ hot and soon I \_\_\_\_\_ feeling very tired. Mom and Dad \_\_\_\_\_ n't tired at all. They went on working for a long time. I \_\_\_\_\_ glad when it \_\_\_\_\_ time to go inside and have a drink.

### IV. Draw a circle around the correct past tense verb in each sentence below.

1. I (losed / **lost**) my watch in the park.
2. Paul (hurt / **hurted**) his knee when he (falled / **fell**).
3. I kicked the ball hard and it (**breaked** / **broke**) a window.
4. My new shoes (cost / **costed**) a lot of money.
5. I (**getted** / **got**) this book from the library.
6. We had a garage where we (**keeped** / **kept**) our car.
7. Ali (shew / **showed**) me the cut on his knee.
8. The glass (falled / **fell**) off the table and (**breaked** / **broke**).
9. We (selled / **sold**) our old car and (**buyed** / **bought**) a new one.
10. The bell (ringed / **rang**) and we all (**goed** / **went**) into school.
11. The dog (catched / **caught**) the ball in its mouth.

Exercises

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### V. Make negative sentences from each sentence below.

1. Peter and James played football yesterday afternoon.  
▶ ..... Peter and James didn't play football yesterday afternoon.
2. Catty visited her sister in law last month.  
▶ .....
3. Felly came home late last night.  
▶ .....
4. Dave drove his car to Angkor Wat last year.  
▶ .....
5. Sam Ean studied Korean a year ago.  
▶ .....
6. Rattana taught children in 2009.  
▶ .....

### VI. Make question sentences from each sentence below.

1. David tried to study hard. .... Did David try to study hard?
2. John swam in the pool. ....
3. Karin felt sad yesterday. ....
4. Jed bought his pen last week. ....
5. Ted cried when his wife died. ....





VII. Choose the best answer to fill into the space of sentence.

1. Rithty didn't \_\_\_\_\_ Angkor Wat last year.  
☐ visited      ☒ visit      ☐ visitied
2. Did Dave \_\_\_\_\_ to school yesterday?  
☐ walkied      ☐ walked      ☐ walk
3. I and my sister \_\_\_\_\_ in the big pool.  
☐ swim      ☐ swum      ☐ swam
4. Her mother \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast for her family yesterday morning.  
☐ cooked      ☐ cooking      ☐ cook
5. Army \_\_\_\_\_ a lot because of the war.  
☐ die      ☐ dyed      ☐ died
6. Cambodia \_\_\_\_\_ in 1993.  
☐ voting      ☐ voted      ☐ vote
7. Dream Land \_\_\_\_\_ near Nagar World.  
☐ built      ☐ build      ☐ buildied
8. Did Koh Pech \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of Cambodian people in 2010?  
☐ helped      ☐ killed      ☐ kill
9. Did water festival \_\_\_\_\_ in November 2010?  
☐ start      ☐ finished      ☐ stated
10. We didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to see people died by the war.  
☐ hated      ☐ liked      ☐ like
11. My house \_\_\_\_\_ to my brother in 2000.  
☐ selling      ☐ sold      ☐ sell

VIII. Complete the conversations. Choose the correct word or phrase from the word pool and write it in the blank space.

What      What time      When      ~~Where~~      Who      Why

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you go on your vacation?  
B: We went to the mountains.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you start your new job?  
B: Last month.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did the plane arrive?  
B: At 6:30. Two hours late!
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did Sally leave early?  
B: Because she had a dentist appointment.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ did you say?  
B: I said, "Good morning."
6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ is that woman?  
B: Dr. Gross. She's my chemistry professor.





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IX. Complete the passage. Write the correct form of a verb from the word pool in each blank space. You may use a verb more than once.

be come eat forget ~~have~~ make play put ring sleep wake

### A TERRIBLE MORNING



Yesterday I had a terrible morning. Nothing went right. Everything went wrong. First, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ up on time because my alarm clock didn't \_\_\_\_\_. I usually get up at 7:00, but yesterday I didn't. Instead, I \_\_\_\_\_ until 8:30. Then I got out of bed very quickly, \_\_\_\_\_ on my clothes, didn't \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, and rushed out to the bus stop. I \_\_\_\_\_ late for work! I waited and waited, but a bus never \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, I called my office because I wanted to **apologize** for my lateness. After the phone \_\_\_\_\_ four or five times, a voice mail message \_\_\_\_\_ on. This was the message: "The office is closed right now. Our **normal** office hours are from Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Please **call back during** that time." It was Saturday! I \_\_\_\_\_ a **mistake**! There wasn't any work that day! But ... I \_\_\_\_\_ something **else**. Every Saturday morning at 8:30, my friends and I always \_\_\_\_\_ tennis. When I **overslept**, I didn't miss work -- I missed my tennis game!

X. Read the passage. Then decide whether the sentences below are True or False. Circle the answer.

### DINOSAURS

Millions of years ago, there weren't any people. But there were dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs were reptiles, and most kinds came from eggs. There were many kinds of dinosaurs. Dinosaurs lived on land. They didn't fly, and they didn't live in the water.

Some dinosaurs ate only plants. Some dinosaurs ate only meat. Some walked on two legs. Some walked on four.

Some ran fast, and some moved slowly.

Some had thick skin with bumps, and some had primitive feathers. Maybe the dinosaurs with feathers were the ancestors of today's birds.

The dinosaurs dominated the earth for a long time, but they mysteriously became extinct 65 million years ago.

1. There were people on earth 65 million years ago.
2. Dinosaurs were reptiles.
3. Most dinosaurs came from eggs.
4. Dinosaurs had wings, and they flew.
5. Dinosaurs swam.
6. Some dinosaurs ate plants.
7. All dinosaurs were slow.
8. All dinosaurs had feathers.
9. All the dinosaurs died many years ago.
10. In some ways, dinosaurs were like birds.

True / False  
True / False  
True / False  
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True / False  
True / False

