

worked/got/went, etc. (simple past)

A

They **watch** television every night.
(*simple present*)

They **watched** television last night.
(*simple past*)

watched is the *simple past*:

I/we/you/they he/she/it	watched
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B

The simple past is often **-ed** (*regular verbs*). For example:

work → worked	dance → danced
clean → cleaned	stay → stayed
start → started	need → needed

- I brush my teeth every morning. This morning I **brushed** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1996 to 2003.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **ended** at midnight.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

try → tried	study → studied	copy → copied
stop → stopped	plan → planned	

C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The simple past is *not -ed*. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendixes 2–3):

begin → began	fall → fell	leave → left	sell → sold
break → broke	find → found	lose → lost	sit → sat
bring → brought	fly → flew	make → made	sleep → slept
build → built	forget → forgot	meet → met	speak → spoke
buy → bought	get → got	pay → paid	stand → stood
catch → caught	give → gave	put → put	take → took
come → came	go → went	read → read (red)*	tell → told
do → did	have → had	ring → rang	think → thought
drink → drank	hear → heard	say → said	win → won
eat → ate	know → knew	see → saw	write → wrote

*pronounced "red"

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9:30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the movies three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat, and **sat** down.

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

~~brush~~ die end enjoy happen open rain start stay want

- I brushed my teeth three times yesterday.
- It was hot in the room, so I _____ the window.
- The movie was very long. It _____ at 7:15 and _____ at 10:00.
- When I was a child, I _____ to be a doctor.
- The accident _____ last Sunday afternoon.
- It's a nice day today, but yesterday it _____ all day.
- We _____ our vacation last year. We _____ at a very nice place.
- Anna's grandfather _____ when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Write the simple past of these verbs.

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. get <u>got</u> | 4. pay _____ | 7. go _____ | 10. know _____ |
| 2. see _____ | 5. visit _____ | 8. think _____ | 11. put _____ |
| 3. play _____ | 6. buy _____ | 9. copy _____ | 12. speak _____ |

11.3 Read about Lisa's trip to Mexico City. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday, Lisa (1) flew from Los Angeles to Mexico City. She (2) _____ up at 6:00 in the morning and (3) _____ a cup of coffee. At 7:15 she (4) _____ home and (5) _____ to the airport. When she (6) _____ there, she (7) _____ the car, (8) _____ to the terminal, and (9) _____ in. Then she (10) _____ breakfast at an airport café and (11) _____ for her flight. The plane (12) _____ on time and (13) _____ in Mexico City four hours later. Finally she (14) _____ a taxi from the airport to her hotel downtown.

fly
get, have
leave, drive
get, park
walk, check
have, wait
depart, arrive
take

11.4 Write sentences about the past (yesterday / last week, etc.).

- James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- Rachel often loses her keys. She _____ last week.
- Kate meets her friends every night. She _____ last night.
- I usually buy two newspapers every day. Yesterday I _____
- We often go to the movies on weekends. Last Sunday we _____
- I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I _____
- Tom always takes a shower in the morning. This morning he _____
- Our friends often come to see us. They _____ last Friday.

11.5 Write sentences about what you did yesterday.

- I went to the theater.
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- _____
- _____