

PAST SIMPLE: IRREGULAR VERBS

1 THEORY: HOW TO FORM 'PAST SIMPLE'

Study the tables below.

Positive statements using "Past Simple"		
I	drank	water
You	ate	chocolate
He	slept	on a bed
She	read	a book
It	watched	television
We	did	homework
They	drove	the car

Negative statements using "Past Simple"			
I	did not (didn't)	drink	water
You		eat	chocolate
He		sleep	on a bed
She		read	a book
It		watch	television
We		do	homework
They		drive	the car

Questions with "Past Simple"			
Did	I	drink	water?
	You	eat	chocolate?
	He	sleep	on a bed?
	She	read	a book?
	It	watch	television?
	We	do	homework?
	They	drive	the car?



Information Questions with "Past Simple"			
What When Where Why How Who	did	I You He She It We They	drink? eat? write? read? watch? do? drive?

2 CREATE THE IRREGULAR PAST SIMPLE VERB

Study the irregular verbs (1-15), then create the past tense version.

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|-----------|-------------------|
| 1. Buy | a. Bought |
| 2. Build | b. Built |
| 3. Choose | c. Chose |
| 4. Cost | d. Cost |
| 5. Come | e. Came |
| 6. Find | f. Found |
| 7. Give | g. Gave |
| 8. Make | h. Made |
| 9. Pay | i. Paid |
| 10. Run | j. Ran |
| 11. See | k. Saw |
| 12. Take | l. Took |
| 13. Think | m. Thought |
| 14. Win | n. Won |
| 15. Write | o. Wrote |

3 SENTENCES WITH IRREGULAR VERBS

Read and complete the sentences, by changing the verb in brackets to the past tense.

1. He **was** (be) sad when he failed the exam.
2. The film **began** (begin) 10 minutes ago.
3. My television **broke** (break) yesterday so I need to buy a television.
4. He **bought** (buy) a sandwich for lunch.
5. I **caught** (catch) the ball when it was close to me.
6. My grandma **came** (come) to visit me yesterday, it was lots of fun!
7. He **did** (do) his homework before the class.
8. They **drove** (drive) from Liverpool to Leeds last week.
9. We **forgot** (forget) to walk the dog.
10. He **got** (get) a great present for his birthday.
11. They **had** (have) a fantastic time at the birthday party.
12. Laura **knew** (know) all the answers to the test so she passed it.
13. John **left** (leave) the library when he finished his essay.
14. After 2 months, they **sold** (sell) the house.
15. Yesterday, I **spoke** (speak) to my mum.
16. Last summer, my friend and I **built** (build) a treehouse in our backyard.
17. I **bought** (buy) a new smartphone.
18. Jane **chose** (choose) to wear a red dress to the party.
19. Last night, we **went** (go) to the movies and watched a great film.
20. The ice cream only **cost** (cost) \$2 for a scoop.



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CREATE PAST TENSE SENTENCES

Read the present tense sentences (1-10), then change them to the past tense.

1. He wakes up at 7:00am

He woke up at 7:00am

2. John has a shower at 7:30am

John had a shower at 7:30am

1. Laura eats breakfast before school.

Laura ate breakfast before school.

2. Josh runs to the bus stop.

Josh ran to the bus stop.

3. Sammy buys a coffee from the coffeeshop.

Sammy bought a coffee from the coffeeshop

4. Sammy spends \$3 on the coffee.

Sammy spent \$3 on a coffee.

5. Mick tells his boss that he is going to be late.

Mick told his boss that he is going to be late

6. His friend teaches him Spanish for free.

His friend taught him Spanish for free.

7. Johnny's food smells amazing!

Johnny's food smelled amazing

8. The criminal steals bread from the supermarket.

The criminal stole bread from the supermarket.

5 FIX THE MISTAKES

Can you identify and correct the mistakes in the sentences below?

Be careful, not all sentences contain mistakes.

1. I **bought** a new book at the bookstore yesterday.
2. They **built** a beautiful sandcastle on the beach during their vacation.
3. She **chose** the blue dress for the party last night.
4. The concert tickets **cost** me a lot of money, but it was worth it.
5. Last week, he came to **visit** me.
6. I found my **lost** keys under the couch this morning.
7. She gave me a lovely birthday gift last year.
8. My grandmother **made** the best cookies when I was a child.
9. I **paid** for my groceries at the supermarket this morning.
10. He **ran** a marathon and finished in first place.
11. I saw a beautiful sunset at the beach last night.
12. She **took** a vacation to Europe last summer.
13. I think the movie is very entertaining.
14. They **won** the championship game last season.
15. She **wrote** a beautiful letter to her friend.



6 CREATE QUESTIONS

On a separate piece of paper, reword the sentences as questions in the past simple.

Example: *She ate lunch at 12 o'clock.*
Did she eat lunch at 12 o'clock?

Answers on the following page.

1. She bought a new car.
2. He built a treehouse in the backyard.
3. They chose the blue dress for the party.
4. The concert tickets cost \$50 each.
5. She came to the event late.
6. He found a treasure map in the attic.
7. They gave me a birthday gift.
8. She made a delicious cake for the celebration.
9. He paid the restaurant bill with his credit card.
10. They ran a marathon last weekend.
11. She saw a shooting star in the night sky.
12. He took the dog for a walk in the park.
13. She thought the movie was really funny.
14. They won the game with a last-minute goal.
15. He wrote a heartfelt letter to his friend.
16. She bought a new phone last week.
17. He built a sandcastle at the beach.
18. They chose the Italian restaurant for dinner.
19. The concert tickets cost a lot of money.
20. She came to the party early.



Answers:

1. Did she buy a new car?
2. Did he build a treehouse in the backyard?
3. Did they choose the blue dress for the party?
4. How much did the concert tickets cost each?
5. Did she come to the event late?
6. Did he find a treasure map in the attic?
7. Did they give me a birthday gift?
8. Did she make a delicious cake for the celebration?
9. Did he pay the restaurant bill with his credit card?
10. Did they run a marathon last weekend?
11. Did she see a shooting star in the night sky?
12. Did he take the dog for a walk in the park?
13. Did she think the movie was really funny?
14. Did they win the game with a last-minute goal?
15. Did he write a heartfelt letter to his friend?
16. Did she buy a new phone last week?
17. Did he build a sandcastle at the beach?
18. Did they choose the Italian restaurant for dinner?
19. How much did the concert tickets cost?
20. Did she come to the party early?



7 ANSWER QUESTIONS

Read and then answer the questions. Give details and examples where possible.

1. What did you do last night?
2. Where did you go on holiday last summer?
3. What transport did you take to school / work yesterday?
4. What did you watch on television last night?
5. What was the last thing you bought?
6. Did you give your parents a present last christmas?
7. What did you eat for breakfast yesterday?
8. Did you drink coffee last week?
9. Did you read more than three books last year?
10. Did you pass your last exam?
11. Did you swim in the ocean during your last holiday?
12. Did you make dinner last night?
13. Did you run a marathon last year?
14. What did you take to school / work yesterday?
15. When you were last in a supermarket, did you pay with cash?



HOMework

1 MARK'S DAY

Task 1: Read the text below about Mark's normal day.

Yesterday, Mark woke up early. He got out of bed, then brushed his teeth and washed his face. Then, he went to the kitchen and made some coffee. He drank the hot coffee and felt awake.

After breakfast, Mark walked to the park. He met his friend Sarah there. They talked and laughed. Mark needed to buy some groceries, so he said goodbye to Sarah.

At the grocery store, Mark bought bread, milk, and eggs. On his way home, he saw a stray dog. He stopped and gave the dog some food. The dog wagged its tail and seemed happy.

Back home, Mark cleaned his apartment. He vacuumed the floors and the furniture. It looked much better now. Then, he cooked dinner. He made spaghetti with tomato sauce. It smelled delicious.

In the evening, Mark watched a movie on TV. It was a comedy, and he laughed a lot. After the movie, he called his mom. They talked for a while and caught up on things.

Before bed, Mark read a book. He loved to read before sleeping. It helped him relax. After a few chapters, he turned off the light and went to sleep.

Mark had a simple and pleasant day yesterday. He did many things, but nothing too exciting. It was just an ordinary day, but he enjoyed every moment of it.

Task 2: Complete the following tasks.

1. Who did Mark meet at the park?
2. What did Mark buy at the grocery store?
3. What did Mark do when he got back home from the store?
4. What did Mark make for dinner?
5. What type of movie did Mark watch in the evening?
6. Who did Mark call in the evening?
7. What did Mark do before going to sleep?

Task 3: Complete the following task.

- a. Underline all the past tense verbs in the text.

