

2A simple past: regular and irregular verbs

	regular	irregular
<input type="checkbox"/> +	I stayed with friends.	We went to Brazil on vacation.
<input type="checkbox"/> -	I didn't stay in a hotel.	We didn't go to São Paulo.
<input type="checkbox"/> ?	Did you stay for the weekend?	Did you go to Rio?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I did .	No, we didn't .
Wh <input type="checkbox"/> ?	Where did you stay ?	Why did you go there?

- Use the simple past to talk about finished actions in the past.
- The form of the simple past is the same for all persons.
- To make the simple past of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in the simple past, e.g., *go > went*, *see > saw*. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

- Use the base form after *didn't* for negatives and *Did...?* for questions.
- Remember:
auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., *Did you go out last night?* or
question word, auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., *Where did you go?*

spelling rules for regular verbs

base form	past	spelling
work stay	worked stayed	add <i>-ed</i>
like	liked	add <i>-d</i> if verb ends in <i>e</i>
study	studied	<i>y > -ied</i> after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb ends in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant

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- a Put the verbs in parentheses in the simple past.

Two summers ago we *took* (take) our vacation in Vancouver. We ¹ (drive) there from San Francisco, but our car ² (break) down on the freeway, and we ³ (spend) the first night in Seattle. When we ⁴ (get) to Vancouver, we ⁵ (not can) find a good hotel – they ⁶ (be) all full. We ⁷ (not know) what to do, but finally we ⁸ (find) a bed and breakfast, and we ⁹ (stay) there for the week. We ¹⁰ (see) the botanical gardens, ¹¹ (go) to an arts festival, and we ¹² (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³ (want) to go to Victoria, but we ¹⁴ (not have) enough time and it ¹⁵ (be) too far away. The weather ¹⁶ (not be) very good, and it ¹⁷ (start) raining the day we ¹⁸ (leave).



- b Complete the questions in the simple past.

Where did you go on vacation last year?

We went to Orlando, Florida.

1 a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2 with?

I went with my family.

3 ?

We stayed in a hotel.

4 the plane ticket ?

It cost \$259.

5 the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6 at night?

We went to cafes and restaurants.