

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR: THE SIMPLE PAST

## AFFIRMATIVE FORM (+)

I  
You  
He/She/It  
We  
You  
They

**started**

E.g. We **started** very well.

They **started** yesterday.

## NEGATIVE FORM (-)

### FULL FORM

I **did not** learn.  
You **did not** play.  
He **did not** run.  
We **did not** sing.  
You **did not** go.  
They **did not** sit.

### SHORT FORM

I **didn't** learn.  
You **didn't** play.  
He **didn't** run.  
We **didn't** sing.  
You **didn't** go.  
They **didn't** sit.

## INTERROGATIVE FORM (?)

### YES/NO QUESTIONS

**Did** I  
you  
he  
she **start?**  
it  
we  
you  
they

### WH-QUESTIONS

What did he **start?**  
When did he **start?**  
Where did he **start?**  
Who **started?**  
How did he **start?**  
Why did he **start?**  
With whom did he **start?**

## REGULAR VERBS

Arrive **Arrived**  
Start **Started**  
Play **Played**  
Ban **Banned**  
Stop **Stopped**  
Marry **Married**

Slice **Sliced**  
Want **Wanted**  
Stay **Stayed**  
Plan **Planned**  
Skip **Skipped**  
Try **Tried**

## IRREGULAR VERBS

Make **Made**  
Have **Had**  
Be **Was/Were**  
Do **Did**  
Get **Got**  
Run **Ran**

Sit **Sat**  
Stand **Stood**  
Buy **Bought**  
Teach **Taught**  
Speak **Spoke**  
Write **Wrote**



# THE SIMPLE PAST: PRONUNCIATION OF REGULAR VERBS



**/ d / = R, Z, N, M, S, L, E, G, V**

Adored	Filed
Amazed	Filled
Bailed	Filmed
Banned	Fined
Calmed	Fired
Cleaned	Fooled
Closed	Freed
Coined	Gained
Dared	Ironed
Earned	Jarred
Exiled	Joined
Failed	Longed
Feared	Lived

**/ Id / = D, T**

Added	Feasted
Beaded	Hated
Bolted	Jotted
Booted	Landed
Cited	Lasted
Coated	Parted
Coded	Pasted
Elected	Pitied
Emitted	Plated
Ended	Plotted
Evaded	Potted
Fainted	Printed
Fasted	Rated

**/ t / = K, S, P, X, SH, C, TH, GH**

Asked	Helped
Baked	Hoped
Blocked	Hushed
Bossed	Itched
Booked	Joked
Clasped	Lacked
Clicked	Lashed
Coaxed	Laughed
Dashed	Liked
Faced	Locked
Frothed	Looked
Gripped	Marked
Hacked	Masked



# THE SIMPLE PAST: PRONUNCIATION OF REGULAR VERBS



**/ d /** = V, L, R, W, N, Y, G, S,

**/ Id /** = D, T

**/ t /** = TCH, SS, K, P, S, FF, SH, X

Loved

Lulled

Lured

Moved

Owed

Owned

Pained

Paused

Shared

Piled

Pined

Pinned

Poured

Prayed

Proved

Raged

Rained

Raised

Raved

Roared

Ruled

Sailed

Scared

Soared

Valued

Viewed

Rested

Rioted

Rooted

Rusted

Skated

Stated

Tainted

Studied

Tested

Tidied

Toasted

Trusted

Twisted

Varied

Voted

Waded

Waited

Wanted

Wasted

Weeded

Welded

Wilted

Worded

Worried

Yielded

Zested

Matched

Messed

Mocked

Mopped

Paced

Packed

Patched

Peeked

Perked

Picked

Piped

Popped

Pressed

Pushed

Shocked

Staffed

Stopped

Stripped

Talked

Tapped

Traced

Washed

Whisked

Wiped

Wished

Vexed



# SIMPLE PAST: IRREGULAR VERBS (1)

Beat	Beat	Catch	Caught	Feel	Felt	Hear	Heard
Become	Became	Choose	Chose	Fight	Fought	Hide	Hid
Begin	Began	Come	Came	Find	Found	Hit	Hit
Bend	Bent	Cost	Cost	Fly	Flew	Hold	Held
Bind	Bound	Creep	Crept	Forbid	Forbade	Hurt	Hurt
Bite	Bit	Cut	Cut	Forget	Forgot	Keep	Kept
Bleed	Bled	Dig	Dug	Freeze	Froze	Kneel	Knelt
Blow	Blew	Do	Did	Get	Got	Know	Knew
Break	Broke	Draw	Drew	Give	Gave	Lay	Laid
Bring	Brought	Dream	Dreamt	Go	Went	Lead	Led
Build	Built	Drink	Drank	Grind	Ground	Learn	Learnt
Burn	Burnt	Drive	Drove	Grow	Grew	Leave	Left
Burst	Burst	Eat	Ate	Hang	Hung	Lend	Lent
Buy	Bought	Feed	Fed	Have	Had	Let	Let



# SIMPLE PAST: IRREGULAR VERBS (2)

Lie

Lay

Say

Said

Sit

Sat

Steal

Stole

Light

Lit

See

Saw

Sleep

Slept

Stick

Stuck

Lose

Lost

Seek

Sought

Slide

Slid

Sting

Stung

Make

Made

Sell

Sold

Smell

Smelt

Strike

Struck

Mean

Meant

Send

Sent

Speak

Spoke

Sweep

Swept

Meet

Met

Set

Set

Speed

Sped

Swim

Swam

Pay

Paid

Sew

Sewed

Spend

Spent

Swing

Swung

Put

Put

Shake

Shook

Spill

Spilt

Take

Took

Quit

Quit

Shed

Shed

Spin

Span

Teach

Taught

Read

Read

Shine

Shone

Spit

Spat

Tell

Told

Ride

Rode

Shoot

Shot

Split

Split

Throw

Threw

Ring

Rang

Shrink

Shrank

Spread

Spread

Wear

Wore

Rise

Rose

Shut

Shut

Spring

Sprang

Win

Won

Run

Ran

Sing

Sang

Stand

Stood

Write

Wrote



# THE SIMPLE PAST

AFFIRMATIVE FORM (+)						
SUBJECT	I	You	He/She/It	We	You	They
REGULAR VERB	jumped					
IRREGULAR VERB	ate					

NEGATIVE FORM (-)						
SUBJECT	I	You	He/She/It	We	You	They
FULL FORM	did not jump					
SHORT FORM	didn't jump					

INTERROGATIVE FORM (?)							
Did							
I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
jump?							

# THE SIMPLE PAST: ADVERBS AND TIME EXPRESSIONS

## YESTERDAY

Yesterday morning

Yesterday afternoon

Yesterday evening

Yesterday at 8

The day before yesterday

## LAST

Last night

*Last Saturday*

Last weekend

*Last week*

Last month

*Last year*

Last time

## AGO

A minute ago

*Two days ago*

A fortnight ago

*Long ago*

A year ago

*A decade ago*

A century ago

## ADVERBS

Previously

Before

*Formerly*

Once

*Earlier*

Anteriorly

*Anciently*

## EXPRESSIONS

Once upon a time

*In the old days*

At that time

*In the past*

Back when

*On one occasion*

Sometime back

## IDIOMS

Cry over spilt milk

*Turn back the hands of time*

Wipe the slate clean

*A blast from the past*

Dwell on the past

## QUOTE

'Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift from God, which is why we call it the present.'

~Bil Keane

## DAYS & DATES

On Friday

*On Tuesdays*

On July 17th

*In 1964*

In the 80s

*In the 1980s*

In 2017

