

## 6.2 Past simple regular verbs

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- 1 He **played** football when he was at school.
- 2 She **lived** in Vietnam ten years ago.
- 3 I sometimes **studied** all night at university.
- 4 They **stopped** for coffee at a small restaurant.
- 5 We **listened** to the radio last night.

- We add **-ed** to the infinitive to form the past simple of most regular verbs.

post → posted

play → played

- The past simple is the same for all persons.

### Positive (+)

I	<b>worked</b>	yesterday.
You		
He/She/It		
We		
They		

### Spelling rules

- For verbs that end in **-e**, we add **-d**.  
move → moved  
live → lived
- For verbs that end in consonant + **-y**, we delete **-y** and add **-ied**.  
marry → married  
study → studied
- For verbs that end in one vowel + one consonant, we double the consonant and add **-ed**.  
stop → stopped
- For two-syllable verbs, we only double the consonant when the last syllable is stressed.  
prefer → preferred (but answer → answered)

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions/states in the past.

She **finished** work at 7 p.m.

- When we use the past simple, we often say when the action happened, e.g. *last winter, in 1999, ten minutes ago, for three days*.

I **returned** your book yesterday afternoon.

They **moved** to Egypt in 2005.

- 1 Rewrite sentences 1–8 using past simple verbs and the words in (brackets).

- 1 Present The hotel room includes breakfast. (yesterday)  
Past The hotel room included breakfast yesterday.
- 2 Present I post our letters every Monday. (last Monday)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Present We're waiting for my sister. (for 20 minutes)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Present I want a new laptop. (last week)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Present They visit my uncle once a year. (in May 2013)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Present People use money to buy things. (500 years ago)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Present He's shouting at his brother. (for an hour)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Present I like dancing. (in the 1980s)  
Past \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

call carry change ~~chat~~ enjoy listen start stop

- 1 My friend and I chatted for three hours on the phone last Friday.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ the film yesterday.
- 3 She \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio every morning for 20 years.
- 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ my heavy bag to the station for me.
- 5 They \_\_\_\_\_ their clothes after work last night.
- 6 The lesson \_\_\_\_\_ 20 minutes ago.
- 7 My boss \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi for me yesterday morning.
- 8 The car \_\_\_\_\_ outside my house for a short time.

- 3 Complete the text with the past simple of the verbs in (brackets).

Last year, I <sup>1</sup> worked (work) in a restaurant for about three months. Some strange things <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (happen). One night, the restaurant was very busy and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) a woman outside in a very big yellow coat and red gloves. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) outside for about 20 minutes and then she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for a table near the window. There weren't any tables free near the window and she was very angry. I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (show) her a different table, but she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) next to the door and then <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shout) at me for about five minutes. She really <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) a table near the window! Everyone in the restaurant <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at us. Then suddenly, she <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) her bag, <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (change) her gloves, <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (close) her bag and <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) out!