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Simple Past Tense

[Action Verbs, Be Verbs, Possessive Forms]

Simple Past Tense : Action Verbs

Affirmative ➞

Subject + past form of action verb + object (if any)

Example ➞

She watched a movie last night.

Negative ➞

Subject + did not + base form of action verb + object

Example ➞

She did not watch the movie.

Interrogative ➞

Did + subject + base form of action verb + object?

Example ➞

Did you study for the exam?

Note:

Use the past simple tense for **completed** actions that happened at a specific time in the **past**. It is often used with time words such as yesterday, last week, ago, or in 2020.

Simple Past Tense : Be Verbs

Affirmative ➞

Subject + was / were + complement

Example ➞

I was tired last night.

Negative ➞

Subject + was / were + not + complement

Example ➞

She was not at home.

Interrogative ➞

Was / Were + subject + complement?

Example ➞

Were they at the station?

Note:

Use **was** with I, he, she, it, or a singular noun, and use **were** with you, we, they, or plural nouns to describe past states, feelings, identities, or locations.

Simple Past Tense : Possessive Forms

Affirmative ➞

Subject + had + possession/object

Example ➞

I had a bicycle when I was a child.

Negative ➞

Subject + did not + have + possession/object

Example ➞

She did not have many books.

Interrogative ➞

Did + subject + have + possession/object?

Example ➞

Did they have a plan?

Note:

Use **had** with all subjects—I, you, he, she, it, we, and they—to show possession, relationships, or experiences in the past. For example:
She had a bicycle.
They had a good time.

