

Tenses Active Voice

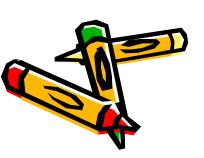
The Past Simple Tense



Form of the Past Simple Tense

- V₂ regular verbs
- · I worked
- You discussed
- They played
- · She danced
- · He liked
- · We smiled
- · It rained

- V₂ Irregular verbs
- · I went
- · You ran
- They spent
- She began
- · He put
- · We understood
- It caught



The regular past: pronunciation

- · Add -ed to the Infinitive
- Read it /d/ after a voiced consonant
 - rubbed, filled, opened, listened
- Read it /t/ after an unvoiced consonant
 - worked, passed, watched

Note: verbs which end in the sounds /t//d/ have their past endings pronounced /id/

posted, added



and spelling

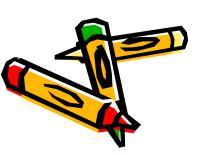
- Most verbs add -ed
 - work/worked; wait/waited
- Verbs add -d when they end in -e
 - · arrive/arrived; phone/phoned
- A single vowel followed by a single consonant doubles
 - Beg/begged; rub/rubbed
- The same is in two-syllable words, when the second one is stressed
 - Prefer/preferred; refer/referred
- · When there is a consonant before -y change to -ied
 - cry/cried; deny/denied
 - · BUT COMPARE delay/delayed





Uses of the Tense

- Completed action Sam phoned a moment ago
- Past habit Last year I went to the swimming pool twice a week.
- The immediate past Did the telephone ring? (No past reference)



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FUTURE				

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Adverbials with the Past Simple Tense

- · Yesterday/the day before yesterday
- · Last summer/winter/January/night
- · 7 years/ a moment/ a month ago
- When I was a boy/ till she arrived
- In 1980, in September, on the 1st of November

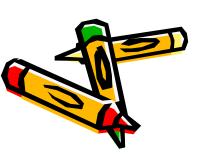


Negative And Interrogative sentences

- · Auxiliary verb is always did
- · They met at the station yesterday

They didn't meet at the station yesterday.

Did they meet at the station yesterday?







When we use the past simple we are usually concerned with an action occurred, not with its duration (How it lasted)

