

The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5)
School Year 2022 - 2023

Name: _____

Subject: English Language
Simple Past Tense

Date: / /

Class: Grade 4 National (All Sections)

Objective/s:

- Identify simple past tense.
- Use simple past tense in affirmative, negative, questions and short answers.

Simple Past Tense:

Affirmative	I/He/ She/ It/We/You/They played /ran	in the park.
Negative	I/He/ She/ It/We/You/They didn't play /run	in the park.
Questions	Did I/ he/she/it/we/you/they play/run	in the park?
Positive short answer	Yes, I/he/she/it/we/you/they/ did.	
Negative short answer	No, I/he/she/it/we/you/they/ didn't.	

We Use the past simple to talk about finished actions and situations in the past.

Regular verbs (affirmative):

We form the past tense of most regular verbs by adding –ed to the verb.

- Work + ed → worked
- Watch + ed → watched

Note the spelling rules:

1. Add –d to verbs that end in –e

- live + ed → lived
- change + ed → changed

2. With verbs that end in a consonant +y: delete “y” and add -ied

- study → studied
- carry → carried

3. With verbs that end in a vowel (a, e, i, o, u) + “y”: add –ed

- stay → stayed
- play → played

4. With verbs of one syllable that end in vowel+ consonant: double the consonant and add –ed,

- plan → planned
- jog → jogged

Regular verbs (negative):

Subject + did + not + the base form of the verb

- Ancient people **used** internet. (affirmative)
- Ancient people **did not use** internet. (negative)

Regular verbs (questions)

- Wh- questions

Wh-word + did + subject + the base form of the verb

- **When did you finish work yesterday?**

- Yes/ no questions

Did + subject + the base form of the verb

- **Did you study at university?**

Yes, I did.

No, I did not/ didn't.

Irregular verbs:

Many common verbs in English have an irregular past form; they do not end in -ed in the past.

- have → had
- do → did
- go → went
- make → made

Irregular verbs form both negative and questions with didn't/ did + the base form verb like the regular verbs.

* He **gave** his mother some flowers last week.

Negative: He didn't give his mother some flowers last week.

Question: Did he give his mother some flowers last week?

*They **went** to Australia on holiday last year.

Negative: They didn't go to Australia on holiday last year.

Question: Did they go to Australia on holiday last year?

Practice:

1. **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the past tense:**

1. My grandmother and grandfather _____ (**live**) in the last century.
2. My uncle _____ (**work**) in a factory.
3. My brother _____ (**stay**) at home.
4. He _____ (**study**) at the University of Michigan.
5. He _____ (**think**) that people _____ (**have**) problems with their weight because they _____ (**eat**) the wrong things.

2. **Change the following verbs into past:**

1. plan: _____

2. stop: _____

3. sip: _____

4. grab: _____

5. trip: _____

6. rub: _____

2. **Change the following sentences into negative:**

1. She met her friends at school.

2. We knew the answers.

3. We had dinner at a restaurant yesterday.

4. My mom made a delicious cake.

5. I carried the heavy bag myself.

3. Change the following sentences into questions:

1. Albert Einstein understood Math.

2. Charles Darwin came from France.

3. Mozart played the piano.

4. The ancient Romans spoke Latin.

Irregular Verbs



Base Form	Past simple	Past participle
be	was / were	been
become	became	become
break	broke	broken
begin	began	begun
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
bury	buried	buried
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
get	got	gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
leave	left	left
lie	lay	lain

Base Form	Past simple	Past participle
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
show	showed	shown
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake up	wake up	woken up
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written