

7.1 Past simple irregular verbs

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- 1 I **came** home at seven thirty last night.
- 2 You **did** the housework very quickly yesterday.
- 3 She **made** dinner for ten people last Saturday.
- 4 He **ate** a lot at lunchtime.
- 5 We **drove** to Germany in 2012.

- Irregular past simple verbs are not formed by adding *-ed* to the infinitive. They all take different forms.

There are no general rules for the formation of irregular verbs.

Regular

walk → walked plan → planned move → moved

Irregular

go → **went** eat → **ate** write → **wrote**

- The past simple is the same for all persons for both regular and irregular verbs.

Positive (+)

I		
You		
He/She/It	went	to the park yesterday.
We		
They		

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

He **left** the house an hour ago.

I **had** Salsa lessons last year.

- 1 Match the past simple forms to infinitives 1-18.

ate chose did drank felt gave kept left lent
lost ran rode ~~slept~~ swam told was went wrote

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 sleep <u>slept</u> | 7 choose _____ | 13 lend _____ |
| 2 drink _____ | 8 run _____ | 14 keep _____ |
| 3 go _____ | 9 leave _____ | 15 lose _____ |
| 4 ride _____ | 10 tell _____ | 16 is _____ |
| 5 eat _____ | 11 do _____ | 17 feel _____ |
| 6 give _____ | 12 swim _____ | 18 write _____ |

- 2 Complete the gaps using the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

come drink give have leave ride think write

- 1 I came home late last night.
- 2 He _____ the homework was very difficult.
- 3 Cynthia _____ a lot of letters to her grandmother.
- 4 You _____ your passport on the bus.
- 5 We _____ eight glasses of water yesterday.
- 6 His parents _____ a lovely weekend.
- 7 I _____ my bicycle every day when I was at school.
- 8 Our uncle _____ us lots of fruit for breakfast.

- 3 **Circle** the correct option.

- 1 He run / ~~ran~~ / runs to work every day last week.
- 2 We went / go / goes fishing last weekend.
- 3 I chose / choose / chooses a good book from the library last Monday.
- 4 They swam / swims / swim in the sea when they went to Greece.
- 5 You win / wins / won the race yesterday.
- 6 She did / do / does a lot of exercise last week.
- 7 We have / has / had a lot of fun in France last year.
- 8 He met / meet / meets his friends at the cinema the day before yesterday.

- 4 Complete the text with verbs in the past simple.

When I lived in Sydney, I didn't have a healthy lifestyle – but then I decided to change my life.
I ¹g_____ up every day at about six o'clock and ²d_____ three cups of coffee. I ³d_____ to the office and ⁴t_____ the lift up to the third floor. At work I ⁵a_____ a lot of snacks and ⁶s_____ in my chair all day. In the evenings I ⁷w_____ to fast food restaurants and then ⁸w_____ TV at home. I ⁹w_____ very unhealthy. So I ¹⁰s_____ to do some exercise. I ¹¹s_____ in our swimming pool every morning before work. I ¹²r_____ to work through the park. I ¹³w_____ to the gym after work. I ¹⁴l_____ weight and learnt that being healthy makes you feel good.

7.2 Past simple negative

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- 1 I **didn't drive** to Bristol at the weekend.
- 2 The lesson **didn't finish** at three o'clock.
- 3 We **didn't write** lots of emails yesterday.

- To make the past simple negative we use *didn't* + infinitive without *to*.

Positive (+)	Negative (-)
I felt sad when I left home.	I didn't feel sad when I left home.
She walked at the age of nine months.	She didn't walk at the age of nine months.
The match started at 7 p.m.	The match didn't start at 7 p.m.
We went to work yesterday.	We didn't go to work yesterday.
They had a happy life.	They didn't have a happy life.

- We usually use the contracted form (*didn't*), but we sometimes use the full form (*did not*) in formal writing.

The negative is formed in the same way for both regular and irregular verbs.

I **didn't play** tennis yesterday.

I **didn't eat** yesterday. NOT ~~I didn't ate yesterday.~~

1 Write the negatives.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 thought <u>didn't think</u> | 6 looked _____ |
| 2 look _____ | 7 brought _____ |
| 3 made _____ | 8 paid _____ |
| 4 put _____ | 9 waited _____ |
| 5 said _____ | 10 sat _____ |

2 Correct the information using the word in (brackets).

- 1 I went shopping two days ago. (swimming)
No, I didn't go shopping two days ago, I went swimming.
- 2 She did yoga last Friday. (judo)

- 3 He lost his mobile phone yesterday morning. (wallet)

- 4 They thought the lesson was easy. (the homework)

- 5 We slept at our aunt's house last night. (niece's house)

- 6 I borrowed some money from him last week. (last month)

- 7 She lent him a book yesterday. (a pen)

- 8 I took the bus to work last week. (the train)

- 9 My mother made a cake for my birthday last year. (two years ago)

- 10 He bought lots of vegetables at the market. (fruit)

3 Complete the story about Mo Farah's early life with the past simple form of the verbs in (brackets).

Mo Farah is an Olympic champion runner. In the London 2012 Olympics, Farah ¹ won (win) gold at 5,000m. He ² _____ (not win) only this race. He also won the 10,000m.

Farah was born in Mogadishu, in Somalia, on 23th March 1983, but he ³ _____ (not stay) there very long. He ⁴ _____ (move) north to Djibouti with his twin brother and ⁵ _____ (live) with his grandparents. His father ⁶ _____ (not work) in Djibouti – he worked at Heathrow Airport in England. He ⁷ _____ (not earn) much money, but he sometimes ⁸ _____ (visit) the children and ⁹ _____ (bring) them presents.

Farah ¹⁰ _____ (come) to England in 1992 when he was eight years old, but he ¹¹ _____ (not live) with his father. He lived with his aunt in West London. His twin brother ¹² _____ (not come) with him. Farah¹³ _____ (not have) an easy life when he was young.

Farah ¹⁴ _____ (go) to Feltham Community College in London. School was difficult for Farah because he ¹⁵ _____ (not speak) English, but his teachers ¹⁶ _____ (say) he liked sports very much.