

worked/got/went, etc. (simple past)

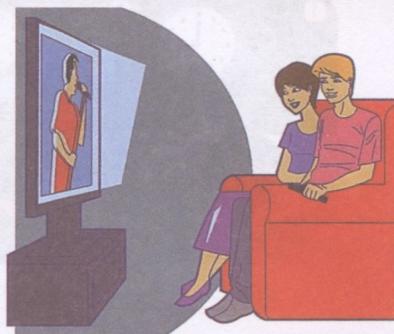
A

They **watch** TV every night.
(simple present)

They **watched** TV last night.
(simple past)

watched is the *simple past*:

I/we/you/they	watched
he/she/it	



B

The *simple past* is often **-ed** (regular verbs). For example:

work → worked	dance → danced
clean → cleaned	stay → stayed
start → started	need → needed

- I brush my teeth every morning. This morning I **brushed** my teeth.
- Tony **worked** in a bank from 2005 to 2011.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **ended** at midnight.

You can use **just** with the *simple past* (**just** = a short time ago):

- "Is Tom here?" "No, he **just left**."
- I'm not hungry. I **just had** dinner.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

try → tried	study → studied	copy → copied
stop → stopped	plan → planned	

C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The *simple past* is not **-ed**. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendixes 2–3):

begin	→ began	fall	→ fell	leave	→ left	sell	→ sold
break	→ broke	find	→ found	lose	→ lost	sit	→ sat
bring	→ brought	fly	→ flew	make	→ made	sleep	→ slept
build	→ built	forget	→ forgot	meet	→ met	speak	→ spoke
buy	→ bought	get	→ got	pay	→ paid	stand	→ stood
catch	→ caught	give	→ gave	put	→ put	take	→ took
come	→ came	go	→ went	read	→ read (red)*	tell	→ told
do	→ did	have	→ had	ring	→ rang	think	→ thought
drink	→ drank	hear	→ heard	say	→ said	win	→ won
eat	→ ate	know	→ knew	see	→ saw	write	→ wrote

*pronounced "red"

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9:30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Megan **went** to the movies three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat, and **sat** down.

Exercises

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

brush die end enjoy happen open rain start stay want

- I brushed my teeth three times yesterday.
- It was hot in the room, so I the window.
- The movie was very long. It at 7:15 and at 10:00.
- When I was a child, I to be a doctor.
- The accident last Sunday afternoon.
- The weather is nice today, but yesterday it all day.
- We our vacation last year. We at a very nice place.
- Anna's grandfather when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Read about Liz's trip to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form.



Last Tuesday, Liz (1) **flew** from Los Angeles to Madrid.

She (2) up at 6:00 in the morning and (3) a cup of coffee. At 7:15 she (4) home and (5) to the airport. When she (6) there, she (7) the car, (8) to the terminal, and (9) in. Then she (10) breakfast at an airport café and (11) for her flight. The plane (12) on time and (13) in Madrid 13 hours later. Finally, she (14) a taxi from the airport to her hotel downtown.

fly
get, have
leave, drive
get, park
walk, check
have, wait
depart, arrive
take

11.3 Write sentences about the past (yesterday / last week, etc.).

- James always goes to work by car. Yesterday he went to work by car.
- Rachel often loses her keys. She last week.
- Kate meets her friends every night. She last night.
- I buy a newspaper every day. Yesterday I
- We often go to the movies on weekends. Last Sunday we
- I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I
- Tom always takes a shower in the morning. This morning he
- Our friends often come to see us. They last Friday.

11.4 Write a sentence with **just** for each picture.



- They just arrived.
- He

- They
- The race