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**Simple Past**

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Examples:

* You **called** Debbie.
* **Did** you **call** Debbie?
* You **did not call** Debbie.

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| **Positive** | **Negative** | **Question** |
| I/you/we/they/he/she/it **waited.** | I/you/we/they/he/she/it **did not wait.** | **Did** I/you/we/they/he/she/it **wait**? |

Irregular verbs

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| **Positive** | **Negative** | **Question** |
| **I/you/we/they/he/she/it had.** | I/you/we/they/he/she/it **did not have.** | **Did** I/you/we/they/he/she/it **have?** |

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| **Positive** | **Negative** | **Question** |
| **I was.** | I **was not.** | **Was** I? |
| **You/we/they were.** | You/we/they **were not.** | **Were** you/we/they? |
| **He/she/it was.** | He/she/it **was not.** | **Was** he/she/it? |

**USE 1 Completed Action in the Past**

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Use the Simple Past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past. Sometimes, the speaker may not actually mention the specific time, but they do have one specific time in mind.

Examples:

* I **saw** a movie yesterday.
* I **didn't see** a play yesterday.
* Last year, I **traveled** to Japan.
* Last year, I **didn't travel** to Korea.
* **Did** you **have** dinner last night?
* She **washed** her car.
* He **didn't wash** his car.

You will often find the past simple used with time expressions such as these:

* Yesterday
* three weeks ago
* last year
* in 2002
* from March to June
* for a long time
* for 6 weeks
* in the 1980s
* in the last century
* in the past