Past Tense

⇨ Simple Past Tense

> The simple past tense is a verb tense used to describe a completed **action** or **event** in the past. It is formed by adding "**-ed**" to the base form of regular verbs or using the irregular past tense form for irregular verbs.

For example:

- **Regular verb:** "I walked to the store yesterday." (base form: walk + "**-ed**" = **walked**)

- **Irregular verb:** "She ate breakfast this morning." (past tense form: **ate**)

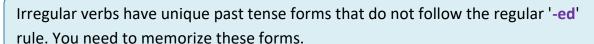## ⇨ Forming the Simple Past Tense

A. Regular Verbs

> To form the simple past tense for regular verbs, simply add '**-ed**' to the base form of the verb.

Examples:

- Play - played

- Work - worked

- Listen – listened

B. Irregular Verbs

> Irregular verbs have unique past tense forms that do not follow the regular '**-ed**' rule. You need to memorize these forms.

Examples:

- Go - went

- Eat - ate

- Sing – sang

⇨ **Usage of the Simple Past Tense**

A. Completed Actions

Use the simple past tense to describe actions that were completed in the past.

Examples:

● She visited her grandparents last summer.

● They finished their project on time.

B. Past Events

Use the simple past tense to discuss events that occurred in the past.

Examples:

● World War II ended in 1945.

● The concert started at 8 pm last night.

C. Habitual Actions in the Past

Use the simple past tense to describe actions that were habitual or occurred regularly in the past.

Examples:

● When she was a child, she played the piano every day.

● They used to walk to school together.

D. Past Facts and Generalizations

Use the simple past tense to state facts and generalizations that were true in the past.

Examples:

● People believed the Earth was flat centuries ago.

● He was a great athlete in high school.

⇨ **Time Expressions Commonly Used with Simple Past Tense**

These time expressions are often used with the simple past tense to provide context about when an action or event occurred.

● Yesterday

● Last (week, month, year, etc.)

● (A specific time) ago

● In (a specific year or time period)

● When (referring to a specific event in the past).