



# Simple Past Tense

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the structure and use of the simple past tense.
- They will learn to form positive, negative, and interrogative sentences in the simple past tense.
- They will use the simple past tense to describe actions that happened at a specific time in the past.



## Lead in



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



Write two sentences what you did last Sunday.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

We use the simple past tense to talk about thing which happened in the past (yesterday, last night, last week, last month, last year etc.)

## Read the following sentences.

1. We **played** a friendly match, yesterday.

2. Mother **made** idlis for breakfast.

3. I **bought** a new dress last Sunday.



In the above sentences, the coloured words are all verbs. These verbs are in **simple past tense**.

There are some ways in which we form the simple past tense.

- ◉ By adding **-d** or **-ed** after the verb.

play – played      walk – walked      smile – smiled

- ◉ By replacing the **-y** at the end of the verb with **-ied**.

try – tried      fry – fried      carry – carried



- By doubling the last letter of the verb and adding **-ed**.

hop – hopped    rub – rubbed    mop – mopped

- By adding **-t** at the end of the verb

sleep – slept    dream – dreamt    learn – learnt

- Some verbs form their past tense differently

go – went    teach – taught    do – did

**A. Rewrite the following sentences by changing them into simple past tense form. One has been done for you.**



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A2



1. Rupa sings well.

Rupa sang well.

2. I see butterflies in my garden.

3. They swim in the pond.

4. The children play in the park.

5. He drops the glass on the floor.

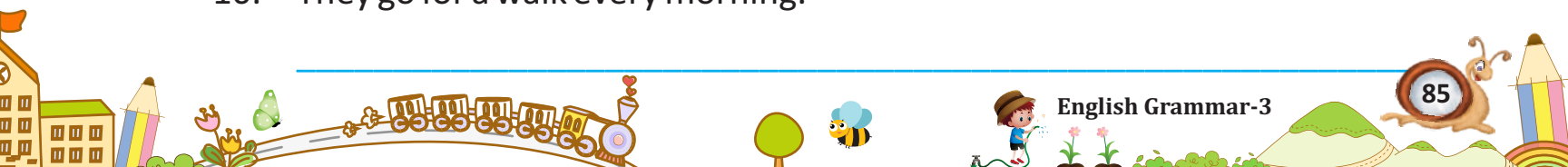
6. I phone my aunt every day.

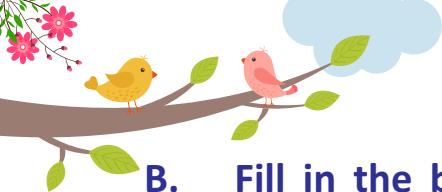
7. The bell rings loudly.

8. Mrs. Gupta wakes up early.

9. Nupur buys a new dress every month.

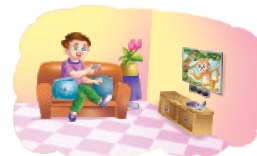
10. They go for a walk every morning.





**B. Fill in the blanks with simple past tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets.**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cricket yesterday afternoon.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the work two hours ago.
3. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the dishes.
4. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her an easy question.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) our uncle's house yesterday.
6. Gaurav \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television last night.
7. Sourav \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) his school bag.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a zoo last Sunday.
9. Megha \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter.
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the correct answer.
11. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me a story.
12. Rahul \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) a glass of water.
13. Neha \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) an apple.
14. Ritika \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on a chair.



### Points to Remember

- ◉ We use the simple past tense to talk about things which happened in the past.
- ◉ We use the terms like yesterday, last week, last month, last night, last year, etc. with the simple past tense.
- ◉ Some verbs make their simple past tense by adding **-d** or **-ed** after the verb.
- ◉ Some verbs make their simple past tense by replacing the **-y** at the end of the verb with **-ied**.
- ◉ Some verbs make their simple past tense by doubling the last letter of the verb and adding **-ed**.
- ◉ Some verbs form their simple past tense by adding **-t** at the end.
- ◉ Some verbs do not follow the above rules. Their past tense is formed differently.





## My Activity Corner

Write a small paragraph in simple past tense describing the things you did yesterday.

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