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A2 TENSES ≈ 27 MIN

Past Simple — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the tense in, brick by brick. New examples, same timeline rule.

A finished time (yesterday, last, ago, in 2019) → **past simple** : verb + -ed / irregular form · questions & negatives with **did** + base form

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT THE PAST FORMS · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Say each form quietly. Verb + **-ed** → left column. Irregular form → right column. Careful: irregular verbs follow no pattern — you have to know each one!

worked · went · planned · sent · decided · caught · studied · bought · emailed · left · stopped · saw

REGULAR: VERB + -ED	IRREGULAR PAST FORM

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE PAST FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill in the verb in the past simple. The time expression tells you the time is finished — after **did**, use the base form.

01 Our manager _____ the new schedule two days ago.
02 I _____ the invoice to the client yesterday.
03 Did you _____ the figures in my email?
04 She _____ to the Dresden office in 2021.
05 He _____ the early train yesterday morning and arrived before nine.
06 We _____ the meeting at four o'clock sharp.
07 I didn't _____ the attachment in your email.
08 The team _____ the project last week and celebrated on Friday.

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one **past simple** mistake. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 I have sent the minutes yesterday.

02 Did you went to the office on Saturday?

03 We catched the last train and still made the kickoff.

04 She buyed a new laptop for the team.

05 He didn't called me back yesterday.

06 They have finished the project last month.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt in the past simple. Watch the signal words — and remember that **did** takes the base form.

01 Yesterday at work: "Yesterday I …" — report one thing you finished.

02 Your last meeting: "In our last meeting we …"

03 A question for your colleague: "Did you … yesterday?"

04 Your career start: "In 2015 I …" — a finished year, a real beginning.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I spot finished time expressions — yesterday, last, ago, in 2019 — and use the past simple with them.
- ☐ I form regular verbs with -ed: worked, planned, studied.
- ☐ I know key irregular forms: went, saw, caught, bought.
- ☐ I build questions and negatives with did + base form — never "did you went".

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 work**ed**
Regular: work + -ed.

02 **went** (go)
Irregular: go → went.

03 plan**ned**
Regular; after a short vowel the final consonant doubles: plan → planned.

04 **sent** (send)
Irregular: send → sent.

05 decide**d**
Regular; with a silent -e you add only -d: decide → decided.

06 **caught** (catch)
Irregular: catch → caught.

07 stud**ied**
Regular; -y after a consonant becomes -i: study → studied.

08 **bought** (buy)
Irregular: buy → bought.

09 email**ed**
Regular: email + -ed.

10 **left** (leave)
Irregular: leave → left.

11 stop**ped**
Regular; final consonant doubles: stop → stopped.

12 **saw** (see)
Irregular: see → saw.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **planned** the new schedule
"Ago" = finished time; regular: plan → planned.

02 **sent** the invoice
"Yesterday" = finished; irregular: send → sent.

03 Did you **see** the figures
After did, the base form — the past is already inside did.

04 She **moved** to the Dresden office
"In 2021" = a finished year; silent -e: move + -d.

05 **caught** the early train
"Yesterday morning" = finished; irregular: catch → caught.

06 **ended** the meeting
A specific, finished time; regular: end → ended.

07 didn't **open** the attachment
After didn't, the base form.

08 **finished** the project
"Last week" = finished; regular: finish → finished.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 I **sent** the minutes yesterday.
"Yesterday" is a finished time — never the present perfect.

02 Did you **go** to the office on Saturday?
After did, the base form — go, not went.

03 We **caught** the last train and still made the kickoff.
Irregular: catch → caught — there is no "catched".

04 She **bought** a new laptop for the team.
Irregular: buy → bought — there is no "buyed".

05 He didn't **call** me back yesterday.
After didn't, the base form — call, not called.

06 They **finished** the project last month.
"Last month" is finished — past simple, not present perfect.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that the time is finished and the verb sits in the past simple (base form after did).

01 "Yesterday I **finished** the budget report."
Regular -ed; "yesterday" pulls the past simple. Also fine: "Yesterday I sent the invoice."

02 "In our last meeting we **decided** to move the deadline."
"Last" = finished; regular: decide + -d.

03 "Did you **get** my email yesterday?"
Base form after did — never "Did you got …?"

04 "In 2015 I **started** my first job in Hamburg."
"In 2015" = a finished year; regular -ed. Alternative: "In 2015 I went to London."

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