

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

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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

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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

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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.

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02 Did you went to the office on Saturday?

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

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04 She buyed a new laptop for the team.

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05 He didn't called me back yesterday.

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06 They have finished the project last month.

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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.

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

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

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

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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

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| 01 worked
Regular: work + -ed. | 07 studied
Regular; -y after a consonant becomes -i: study → studied. |
| 02 went (go)
Irregular: go → went. | 08 bought (buy)
Irregular: buy → bought. |
| 03 planned
Regular; after a short vowel the final consonant doubles: plan → planned. | 09 emailed
Regular: email + -ed. |
| 04 sent (send)
Irregular: send → sent. | 10 left (leave)
Irregular: leave → left. |
| 05 decided
Regular; with a silent -e you add only -d: decide → decided. | 11 stopped
Regular; final consonant doubles: stop → stopped. |
| 06 caught (catch)
Irregular: catch → caught. | 12 saw (see)
Irregular: see → saw. |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 planned the new schedule
"Ago" = finished time; regular: plan → planned. | 05 caught the early train
"Yesterday morning" = finished; irregular: catch → caught. |
| 02 sent the invoice
"Yesterday" = finished; irregular: send → sent. | 06 ended the meeting
A specific, finished time; regular: end → ended. |
| 03 Did you see the figures
After did, the base form — the past is already inside did. | 07 didn't open the attachment
After didn't, the base form. |
| 04 She moved to the Dresden office
"In 2021" = a finished year; silent -e: move + -d. | 08 finished the project
"Last week" = finished; regular: finish → finished. |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 I sent the minutes yesterday.
"Yesterday" is a finished time — never the present perfect. | 04 She bought a new laptop for the team.
Irregular: buy → bought — there is no "bought". |
| 02 Did you go to the office on Saturday?
After did, the base form — go, not went. | 05 He didn't call me back yesterday.
After didn't, the base form — call, not called. |
| 03 We caught the last train and still made the kickoff.
Irregular: catch → caught — there is no "caught". | 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).

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| 01 "Yesterday I finished the budget report."
Regular -ed; "yesterday" pulls the past simple. Also fine:
"Yesterday I sent the invoice." | 03 "Did you get my email yesterday?"
Base form after did — never "Did you got ...?" |
| 02 "In our last meeting we decided to move the deadline."
"Last" = finished; regular: decide + -d. | 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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