



UNIT 3

In the past

1 Past Simple

We use the past simple to talk about actions that **happened and finished** in the past.

Subject	Form	Example
I / You / We / They	verb + -ed	I watched a movie.
He / She / It	verb + -ed	She played football.

Regular verbs (add -ed)

- watch → watched
- play → played
- visit → **visited**
- walk → walked
- start → started
- clean → cleaned

Irregular verbs (common ones)

- go → went
- eat → ate
- see → saw
- have → had
- buy → bought
- make → made
- take → took

2 Questions with Past Simple

We use **did** to make questions in the past simple.

Subject	Form	Example
I / You / We / They	Did + verb?	Did you watch TV?
He / She / It	Did + verb?	Did she go to school?

Short answers

- Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
- Yes, she did. / No, she didn't.
- Yes, they did. / No, they didn't.

3 Negative form

We use **didn't + verb** to make a negative sentence in the past simple.

Subject	Form	Example
I / You / We / They	didn't + verb	I didn't watch TV.
He / She / It	didn't + verb	She didn't go to school.

Remember!

- After **did** / **didn't**, use the base form of the verb (no -ed).
- ✗ Did she **went** to school?
- ✓ Did she **go** to school?
- ✗ They **didn't** **watched** TV.
- ✓ They **didn't** **watch** TV.

4 Present vs Past

The past simple is different from the **present** simple.

Present (now)	Past (before)
I play football.	I played football.
She goes to school.	She went to school.
They eat pizza.	They ate pizza.

Time expressions

- yesterday
- last night
- last week
- last month
- last year
- two days ago
- a week ago
- in 2020
- when I was young
- on Monday

★ Examples



I **watched** TV yesterday.



She **ate** pizza last night.



They **played** football last week.



He **went** to school two days ago.



I **read** a book last month.