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## Tema: Past simple

### Abstract

This presentation is about the grammar structure of past simple. It contains some grammar charts as well.

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## Desarrollo del tema

### **PAST SIMPLE**

#### **USE**

The past simple is used to express a finished past action which occurs at a specific moment in the past.



- Notice that all subjects take the same conjugation of the verb.
- Regular verbs end in '-ed'.
  - visit - visited
  - enjoy - enjoyed
- Irregular verbs have various forms and each verb needs to be learned.
  - see - saw
  - think - thought





PAST SIMPLE

## TIME EXPRESSIONS

yesterday

... ago

in 1990

the other day

last ...

a week ago

a month ago

a year ago

last Monday

last week /weekend

last month /year





# Pat simple

## WAS-WERE (TO BE)

WAS → He, She, It

WERE → I, You, We, They

He was at home yesterday.  
He wasn't at home yesterday.  
Was He at home yesterday ?

They were in my class.  
They weren't in my class.  
Were they in my class?

## COULD (CAN)

She could open the door.

She couldn't open the door.

Could she open the door?

## REST OF THE VERBS

You graduated last year.

You didn't graduate last year.

Did you graduate last year?





# PAST SIMPLE TO BE (WAS-WERE)

	Subject	Main Verb		
+	I, he/she/it	<b>was</b>		here.
	You, we, they	<b>were</b>		in London.
-	I, he/she/it	<b>was</b>	not	there.
	You, we, they	<b>were</b>	not	happy.
?	<b>Was</b>	I, he/she/it		right?
	<b>Were</b>	You, we, they		late?







# PAST SIMPLE CAN (COULD)

	Subject	Main verb		
+	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.	<b>could</b>		open the door.
-	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.	<b>could</b>	not	open the door.
?	<b>Could</b>	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.		open the door?





## PAST SIMPLE (REST OF THE VERBS)

	Subject	Auxiliary verb		Main verb	
+	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.			went	to school
				worked	very hard
-	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.	did	not		to school
					very hard
?	Did	I, You, He, She, It, We, You, They.			to school?
					very hard?



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