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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	was		here.
	You, we, they	were		in London.
-	I, he/she/it	was	not	there.
	You, we, they	were	not	happy.
?	Was	I, he/she/it		right?
	Were	You, we, they		late?





PAST SIMPLE CAN (COULD)

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