

Estructura del pasado simple en inglés

Simple Past Tense Structure in English

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Abstract:

Simple past tense in the English language is characterized by having two different grammatical structures, depending on two situations: whether the main action is verb be or all the other verbs. The auxiliary for interrogative and negative forms with the other verbs is did, while in the sentences with be, this verb will be its own auxiliary.

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Resumen:

El tiempo pasado simple en el idioma inglés se caracteriza por llevar dos estructuras gramaticales diferentes, dependiendo de dos situaciones: si es el verbo to be o todos los demás verbos la acción principal. Con los demás verbos el auxiliar para negar y preguntar será did, mientras que en los enunciados con verbo to be, éste será su propio auxiliary.

Palabras Clave:

Pasado simple, verbo ser, comparación, gramática, ejemplos

Introducción

Por medio del siguiente cuadro comparativo, se pueden apreciar las diferencias entre ambos tipos de verbos en las formas afirmativa, interrogativa y negativa. Se incluyen ejemplos para ilustrar más claramente dicha diferencia.

Nota: se deben considerar los pronombres personales que llevan verbo *to be* de la siguiente forma was: I, he, she it; were: we, you, they.

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	Other verbs		Verb to be			
	Structure	Examples	Structure	Examples		
AFFIRMATIVE	Subject+ verb past + complement	Luis ran in the park.	Subject + was/were + complement	I was at school yesterday.		
INTERROGATIVE	<u>Open</u> What Why Where When How Which Who	Question word + did + subject+ verb in base form + complement	Where did you go on Saturday? I went to the cinema.	<u>Open</u> What Why Where When How Which Who	Question word + was/were + subject + complement	Where were you yesterday? I was at the hospital.
	<u>Close</u>	did + subject+ verb in base form+ complement	Did you go to the library yesterday? No, I did not	<u>Close</u>	Was/were + subject + complement	Were you at the hospital yesterday? Yes, I was.
NEGATIVE	Subject + did + not + verb in base form + complement	I did not do my homework.	Subject + was/were + not + complement	I was not with my friends last night.		

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