**PAST SIMPLE**

**Structure:**



**Spelling rules:**

1. When a verb ends in a single vowel and a single consonant, double this consonant before **ed**.

Travel = Travel**led** / Drop = Drop**ped** / Admit = Admit**ted**

1. When a verb ends in a consonant and **“y”**, change **“y”** into **“i”** and add **“ed”**.

Carr**y** = carr**ied** / Stud**y** = Stud**ied**

**Contractions:** did not = didn’t

| Affirmative | Negative | Interrogative  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| I walkedYou walkedHe/She/It walkedWe walkedYou walkedThey walked | **I didn’t walk****You didn’t walk****He/She/It didn’t walk****We didn’t walk****You didn’t walk****They didn’t walk** | **Did I walk?****Did you walk?****Did he/she/it walk?****Did we walk?** **Did you walk?****Did they walk?** |

**Usage:**

1. **Finished actions in the past at a definite time.**

-Where ***did*** you ***go*** yesterday?

-The flight ***left*** at 8 o’clock.

-They ***didn’t come*** last night.

***Common past time expressions include: last (week, year, night), yesterday, ago, when I was..., in 19....etc.***

1. **Actions which occupied a period of time and are now complete.**

-She ***studied*** English for 4 years.

-He ***lived*** in France for 12 years.

-How long ***did*** you ***work*** there?

1. **Habits in the past.**

-He never ***drank*** coffee when he was younger.

-She always ***wore*** a black coat.

1. **Conditional type 2.**

-If you ***asked*** me, I would help you.

-Unless she ***saw*** a doctor, she wouldn’t be better.

**Pronunciation of –ed**

**The past simple and the past participle of all regular verbs end in –ed**

**Example:**

| Infinitive | Past simple | Past participle |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Help | **Helped** | **Helped** |

**We pronounce the –ed in 3 ways: /ɪd/ or /t/ or /d/**

| **If the verb ends in one of these sounds** | **Example** | **Example with ed** | **Pronunciation of the ed** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Unvoiced**  | /t/ | Start  | Started | /stɑːtɪd/ | /ɪd/ |
| **Voiced**  | /d/ | End  | Ended  | /endɪd/ |
| **Unvoiced**  | /p/ | Hope  | Hoped  | /həʊpt/ | /t/ |
| /f/ | Cough  | Coughed  | /kɒft/  |
| /s/ | Pass  | Passed  | /pɑːst**/** |
| /eks/ | Fax  | Faxed  | /Fækst/ |
| /ʃ/ | Wash  | Washed  | /wɒʃt/ |
| /tʃ/ | Watch  | Watched  | /wɒʧt/ |
| /k/ | Like  | Liked  | /laɪkt/ |
| **Voiced**  | All other sounds (+ vowels), for example…. | Play  | Played  | /pleɪd/ | /d/ |
| Offer  | Offered | /ɒfəd/ |
| Beg  | Begged  | /Begd/ |

**Exercise 01: Put the verbs between brackets in the past simple tense.**

1. Tom (not/buy) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new house last month.
2. Last week I (run) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into my French teacher.
3. She (not/understand) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the questions yesterday.
4. He (occupy) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a post as an engineer for six years when he was in England.
5. Alice (play) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tennis this morning.
6. Where (you/go) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last weekend?
7. As a child my father always (ride) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bicycles.
8. He would be happy if he (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job.
9. The police (catch)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all three of the bank robbers last week.
10. I think I (hear)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a strange sound outside the door one minute ago.

**Exercise 02: Fill in the blanks with the SIMPLE PAST of the verbs in brackets**.

Last Saturday my father ………………. (take) my friends and me to the circus. We …………..…(see) lots of things. My father …………………. (buy) us some popcorn and orange juice. We ……………………. (eat) the popcorn and ………………………… (drink) the orange juice. We …………………….. (laugh) at the funny clowns. There ……………. (be) a lion-tamer. The lions …………………… (do) tricks; they …………………… (jump) through hoops. A girl ………………………. (ride) an elephant around the ring. We all …………… (have) a wonderful time.

**Exercise 02: Classify the verbs below according to the pronunciation of their final –ed.**

| **Verb** | **/t/** | **/d/** | **/ɪd/** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Arrived**  |  |  |  |
| **Borrowed** |  |  |  |
| **Cooked**  |  |  |  |
| **Decided**  |  |  |  |
| **Died**  |  |  |  |
| **Divided**  |  |  |  |
| **Failed**  |  |  |  |
| **Finished**  |  |  |  |
| **Founded**  |  |  |  |
| **Helped**  |  |  |  |
| **Hired**  |  |  |  |
| **Hoped**  |  |  |  |
| **Influenced**  |  |  |  |
| **Increased**  |  |  |  |
| **Lived** |  |  |  |
| **Looked**  |  |  |  |
| **Mended**  |  |  |  |
| **Missed**  |  |  |  |
| **Obliged**  |  |  |  |
| **Offered**  |  |  |  |
| **Verb**  | **/t/** | **/d/** | **/ɪd/** |
| **Painted**  |  |  |  |
| **Passed**  |  |  |  |
| **Planned**  |  |  |  |
| **Played**  |  |  |  |
| **Raised**  |  |  |  |
| **Sailed**  |  |  |  |
| **Shopped**  |  |  |  |
| **Started**  |  |  |  |
| **Stopped**  |  |  |  |
| **Suffered** |  |  |  |
| **Swelled**  |  |  |  |
| **Touched** |  |  |  |
| **Travelled** |  |  |  |
| **visited** |  |  |  |
| **voted** |  |  |  |
| **waited** |  |  |  |
| **walked** |  |  |  |
| **wanted** |  |  |  |
| **washed** |  |  |  |
| **watched** |  |  |  |

**ANSWER KEY**

**Exercise 01:**

| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Didn’t buy** | **Ran**  | **Didn’t understand** | **Occupied**  | **Played**  | **Did you go** | **Rode**  | **Got**  | **Caught**  | **Heard**  |

**Exercise 02:**

| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Took**  | **Saw**  | **Bought**  | **Ate**  | **Drank**  | **Laughed**  | **Was**  | **Did**  | **Jumped**  | **Rode**  | **Had**  |

**Exercise 03:**

| **Verb** | **/t/** | **/d/** | **/ɪd/** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Arrived**  |  | **✓** |  |
| **Borrowed** |  | **✓** |  |
| **Cooked**  | **✓** |  |  |
| **Decided**  |  |  | **✓** |
| **Died**  |  | **✓** |  |
| **Divided**  |  |  | **✓** |
| **Failed**  |  | **✓** |  |
| **Finished**  | **✓** |  |  |
| **Founded**  |  |  | **✓** |
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| **Mended**  |  |  | **✓** |
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| **Sailed**  |  | **✓** |  |
| **Shopped**  | **✓** |  |  |
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| **watched** | **✓** |  |  |