

PAST SIMPLE (Regular verbs)

AFFIRMATIVE → Subject + verb + -ed

They watched TV yesterday (Ellos vieron la tele ayer)

NEGATIVE → Subject + didn't + verb

They didn't watch TV yesterday (Ellos no vieron la tele ayer)

INTERROGATIVE → Did + subject + verb ?

Did they play football last Sunday? (¿Jugaron ellos al fútbol el domingo pasado?)

SPELLING RULES REGULAR VERBS : -ED

1. Verbs that end in -e : add -d only

live - lived / phone - phoned

2. Verbs that end in a consonant + -y: change the -y to -i and add -ed

study - studied

3. Verbs that end in one vowel and one consonant: double the final consonant and add -ed

stop - stopped

4. Verbs that end in a vowel + consonant: add -ed

Play – played

5. Verbs of two or more syllables ending in one vowel + one consonant: double the final consonant if the final syllable is stressed.

Refer – referred

6. Verbs that end in -l: always double the -l

Travel - travelled

IRREGULAR VERBS

1. Many important verbs are irregular. We **do not use -ed** to form the past simple.

All of them have got irregular forms that you have to **MEMORIZE**. (See **VOCABULARY NOTES**)

I bought a book – yo compré un libro

He ate a hamburger – él comió una hamburguesa

2. We form the **NEGATIVE AND INTERROGATIVE** in the same way as regular verbs.

I didn't buy a book – yo no compré un libro

He didn't eat a hamburger - él no comió una hamburguesa

3. With the SIMPLE PAST we use expressions of time like:

YESTERDAY (ayer) / LAST ... (el último) / TWO YEARS AGO (hace dos años) / IN 1981