

## PAST SIMPLE

El "past simple" se utiliza para hablar de una **acción que concluyó** en un tiempo **anterior al actual**. La duración no es relevante. El tiempo en que se sitúa la acción puede ser el pasado reciente o un pasado lejano.

Siempre se utiliza el "past simple" para referirse a cuándo ocurrió algo, de modo que va asociado a ciertas expresiones temporales que indican:

•**Frecuencia**: often, sometimes, always

I sometimes walked home at lunchtime.

I often brought my lunch to school.

•**Un tiempo determinado**: last week, when I was a child, yesterday, six days ago...

We saw a good film last week.

Yesterday, I arrived in Geneva.

She finished her work at seven o'clock

I went to the theatre last night

•**Un tiempo indeterminado**: the other day, ages ago, a long time ago...

People lived in caves a long time ago.

She played the piano when she was a child.

Nota: el término ago es útil para expresar distancia temporal en el pasado. Se coloca después del periodo de tiempo de que se trate: a week ago, three years ago, a minute ago.

# PAST SIMPLE TENSE

## TO BE

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**S + Was/were**

They were friends.

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**S + was not/were not + ...**

They weren't friends.

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**Was/Were + S + ...?**

They weren't friends.

## VERBS

**S + V-ed**

She worked yesterday.

**S + did not + verb (base form)**

She didn't work yesterday.

**Did + S + verb (in base form)?**

Did she work yesterday?

## Usage

## Example

To express completed action in the past

I saw a ghost last Friday.

To describe a series of completed actions in the past

I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim.

To express habits in the past

When I was young, I watched lots of television every day after school.

For stative verbs (have (own), be, think (believe), know, dislike, need, owe, wish

He had a small cottage in the woods.