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Regular verbs:

We form the Past Simple of regular verbs by adding **-ed**.

Affirmative	Negative		Interrogative
	Long form	Short form	
I stayed	I did not stay	I didn't stay	Did I stay?
You stayed	You did not stay	You didn't stay	Did you stay?
He stayed	He did not stay	He didn't stay	Did he stay?
She stayed	She did not stay	She didn't stay	Did she stay?
It stayed	It did not stay	It didn't stay	Did it stay?
We stayed	We did not stay	We didn't stay	Did we stay?
You stayed	You did not stay	You didn't stay	Did you stay?
They stayed	They did not stay	They didn't stay	Did they stay?

Spelling

-e ⇒ -d	double consonant + ed	consonant + y ⇒ -ied	vowel + y ⇒ -yed
like - liked	prefer - preferred	carry - carried	play - played
hate - hated	stop - stopped	study - studied	enjoy - enjoyed
close - closed	travel - travelled	tidy - tidied	stay - stayed

85 Write the "Past Simple" of the following verbs.

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| 1. open .. <i>opened</i> | 4. empty | 7. try | 10. fry |
| 2. love | 5. regret | 8. die | 11. smoke |
| 3. plan | 6. quarrel | 9. cry | 12. play |

Pronunciation

86 Add -ed to the verbs, put them in the correct column and read them out.

arrive, close, help, want, hurry, look, watch, clean, cook, regret, rob, visit, add, push, start, live, end, wait, count, like, travel, tidy, laugh, finish, kiss, post, change, open

/ɪd/	/t/	/d/
after /t/, /d/	after /k/, /s/, /tʃ/, /ʃ/, /f/, /p/	after other sounds
. counted .	. kissed opened
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Irregular verbs have a special past form.

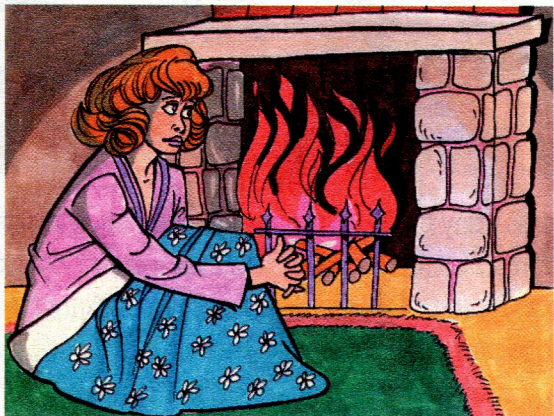
Present	I go	I drink	I am
Past	I went	I drank	I was

See List of Irregular Verbs at the end of the book.

Past Simple of the verb "to be"

Affirmative	I was, You were, He/She/It was, We were, You were, They were
Interrogative	Was I?, Were you?, Was he/she it?, Were we?, Were you?, Were they?
Negative	I was not, You were not, He/She/It was not, We were not, You were not, They were not
short form	I wasn't, You weren't, He/She/It wasn't, We weren't, You weren't, They weren't

87 Fill in the blanks with "am", "is", "are", "was" or "were".



Today I 1) .. am .. at home. It 2) Saturday morning and it 3) very cold. It's only a month since my family and I 4) on holiday in Portugal. The weather 5) fantastic; it 6) really hot and sunny. We 7) all happy then. It 8) not long ago, of course, but I 9) already missing the sun and the sea. Well, it 10) nice to be back home with all our friends.