

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *simple past tense (statements)*

Focus: You will learn the *simple past tense* to talk about finished actions. You will learn how to change an action verb to the *simple past tense*, and you will also learn about irregular verbs.

Read and understand the target language below.

We use the **simple past tense** to talk about actions that happened in the past. The action / event has finished.

- I **watched** a movie on TV last night.



The actions can be short or long. For most verbs, the structure is: **verb + ed**. For example:

- I **invited** my friends for my birthday.
- Peter **lived** in Italy for three years. He **liked** it very much.

There are three different ways to pronounce verbs in the past tense with **-ed**.

/d/ called played used	/t/ asked cooked walked	/ɪd/ decided hated rested
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Here are some negative sentences. The action verb doesn't add **-ed**, so the structure is: **didn't + base verb**.

- ✗ I ~~**didn't invited**~~ my friends for my birthday.
- I **didn't invite** my friends for my birthday.
- Peter **didn't live** in Italy for three years. He **lived** there for two years.

Some verbs are irregular. This means that the verb doesn't add **-ed**, and the verb takes a different form.

VERB		IRREGULAR PAST TENSE	
buy	⇒	bought	● I bought a new shirt yesterday.
go	⇒	went	● I went to the movies last weekend.
have	⇒	had	● I had an English lesson this morning.
take	⇒	took	● My brother took a test last week.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Check your dictionary and write the correct past tense verb in the blanks below.

1: look _____

6: help _____

2: fly _____

7: listen _____

3: buy _____

8: see _____

4: play _____

9: talk _____

5: make _____

10: go _____

Unscramble and write the sentences. Be sure to change the verb to the past tense!

11: play / weekend / ping pong / last / . / I

12: her / on / to / talk / . / Saturday / Vivian / friend

13: birthday / we / yesterday / my / . / celebrate

14: new / want / clothes / . / I / some

15: overseas / don't travel / they / . / their / for / vacation

Answers

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- 2: flew
- 3: bought
- 4: played
- 5: made
- 6: helped
- 7: listened
- 8: saw
- 9: talked
- 10: went

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- 11: I played ping pong last weekend.
- 12: Vivian talked to her friend on Saturday.
- 13: We celebrated my birthday yesterday.
- 14: I want some new clothes.
- 15: They didn't travel overseas for their vacation.