

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *simple past tense (irregular verbs)*

Focus: In this lesson, you will understand *irregular verbs* with the *simple past tense* to talk about finished actions and events.

Read and understand the target language below.

We use the **simple past tense** to talk about finished actions. The actions may be short or long. For example:

- I **played** tennis with my friends last weekend.
- My parents **visited** me last month. They **stayed** for two weeks.

In the above examples, the verbs added **-ed**. However, other verbs are **irregular** and much of the word changes.

- I **ate** at an expensive restaurant last Saturday.
- He **came** home late last night.

Unfortunately, you must memorize the form of the **irregular verb**. Here are more **irregular verbs**:

VERB		IRREGULAR	VERB		IRREGULAR
begin	⇒	began	know	⇒	knew
break	⇒	broke	make	⇒	made
drink	⇒	drank	see	⇒	saw
eat	⇒	ate	sell	⇒	sold
find	⇒	found	sit	⇒	sat
go	⇒	went	take	⇒	took
have	⇒	had	write	⇒	wrote

When the sentence is negative, use the following structure: **subject + didn't + base verb + object**.

- I **didn't eat** at an expensive restaurant last Saturday.
- He **didn't come** home late last night.

For questions, use the base verb again.

Q: **Did** you **eat** at an expensive restaurant last Saturday?

A: No, I **didn't** (**eat** at an expensive restaurant). I **ate** at a cheap restaurant.

Q: **When did** you **come** home last night?

A: I **came** home late last night.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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

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

1: beach / I / . / to / the / yesterday / go

2: CDs / buy / week / three / . / Noah / last

3: cake / Mother's / make / for / Day / . / a / we

4: Hawaii / vacation / . / fly / their / they / last / for / to

5: people / many / don't see / Hollywood / . / I / famous / in

Now answer the questions below. Be sure to use complete sentences.

6: What did you eat for breakfast today?

7: What movie did you last see?

8: Where did you go for your last vacation?

Answers

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- 1: I went to the beach yesterday.
- 2: Noah bought three CDs last week.
- 3: We made a cake for Mother's Day.
- 4: They flew to Hawaii for their last vacation.
- 5: I didn't see many famous people in Hollywood.

Now answer the questions below. Be sure to use complete sentences.

Note: Answers will vary.

Q: What did you eat for breakfast today?

A: I ate cereal for breakfast.

Q: What movie did you last see?

A: I saw Iron Man 3.

Q: Where did you go for your last vacation?

A: I went to Japan for my last vacation.