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We use the simple past to talk/write about what we did yesterday/ last week etc.
You don't have an "s" for he, she, it, but you must learn the irregular verbs.

1. IRREGULAR VERBS. Fold this page. Do the tandem with a partner. First partner A has to say the irregular form (grey box) and partner B has the white box with the solution. Then partner B has to know the form and partner A can check with the answer. If you don't have a partner test yourself. Do one side first (you can also write in the gaps on one side then the other. Then check your answers)

Partner A	Partner B
1. The simple past of fall is _____	1. The simple past of fall is fell .
2. The simple past of think is thought	2. The simple past of think is _____
3. The simple past of make is _____	3. The simple past of make is made .
4. The simple past of come is came	4. The simple past of come is _____
5. The simple past of take is _____	5. The simple past of take is took
6. The simple past of see is saw	6. The simple past of see is _____
7. The simple past of say is _____	7. The simple past of say is said .
8. The simple past of eat is ate	8. The simple past of eat is _____
9. The simple past of write is _____	9. The simple past of write is wrote .
10. The simple past of sing is sang	10. The simple past of sing is _____
11. The simple past of find is _____	11. The simple past of find is found .
12. The simple past of tell is told	12. The simple past of tell is _____
13. The simple past of do is _____	13. The simple past of do is did .
14. The simple past of throw is threw	14. The simple past of throw is _____
15. The simple past of send is _____	15. The simple past of send is sent .
16. The simple past of catch is caught	16. The simple past of catch is _____
17. The simple past of give is _____	17. The simple past of give is gave .
18. The simple past of read is read	18. The simple past of read is _____
19. The simple past of buy is _____	19. The simple past of buy is bought .
20. The simple past of drink is drank	20. The simple past of drink is _____
21. The simple past of get is _____	21. The simple past of get is got .
22. The simple past of grow is grew	22. The simple past of grow is _____
23. The simple past of feed is _____	23. The simple past of feed is fed .
24. The simple past of hear is heard .	24. The simple past of hear is _____
25. The simple past of swim is _____	25. The simple past of swim is swam .
26. The simple past of forget is forgot	26. The simple past of forget is _____



2. The simple past of “to be”: Put in was/were or wasn’t/weren’t

- a) We _____ happy with the hotel. Our room _____ very small and it _____ very clean. Yuck!
- b) Levin _____ at school last week because he _____ ill. He’s better now.
- c) Yesterday _____ Sunday, so the shops _____ closed. They’re open today.
- d) _____ Sarah and Ben at the party? – Sarah _____ there, but Ben _____.
- e) Where are my keys? – I don’t know. They _____ on my desk, but they’re not there now.
- f) You _____ at home yesterday afternoon. Where _____ you? I tried to call.

3. What did you do yesterday? Look at the example and write a positive or negative sentence. In the positive sentences you need some of the irregular verbs from exercise 1. Remember that for the negative sentence you need “didn’t” and the infinitive.

- a) (watch TV) _ I watched TV. OR I didn’t watch TV
- b) (get up before 6:30) _____
- c) (have a shower) _____
- d) (buy a snack) _____
- e) (eat meat) _____
- f) (read a book) _____
- g) (ride a bike/scooter) _____
- h) (go to bed before 22:00) _____



4. Your grandma tells you what was different when she was young. Fill the gaps with positive and negative forms (use didn't)

When I was young we _____ (not have) mobile phones. When we _____ (want) to meet a friend, we _____ (have) to talk to them. And when we _____ (be) late, we _____ (not can) phone our parents. So they sometimes _____ (worry) about us. At my school we _____ (not sit) in groups. We _____ (sit) alone and nobody _____ (talk) in the lessons, because my teacher _____ (be) very strict. We _____ (write) a lot and we _____ (learn) a lot of poems by heart. I _____ (forget) most of them quickly. We _____ (not have) online lessons and we _____ (not use) computers. I _____ (not wear) jeans to school, I _____ (wear) a nice skirt and blouse. After school we _____ (put) on our old clothes and we often _____ (help) our parents. We _____ (not watch) much TV, but we _____ (play) outside a lot. My grandma _____ (tell) us stories in the evening. I _____ (think) that was great. Her stories _____ (be) better than a lot of the stories on TV now.