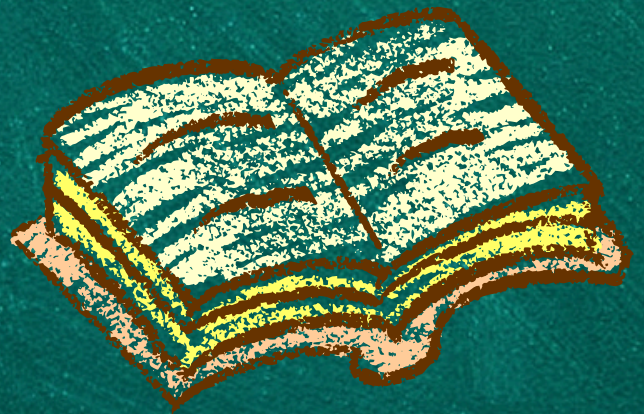




English Grammar

Theory and Exercises



PAST SIMPLE AND PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE FOR LOWER INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS (A2)

PAST SIMPLE REGULAR



Affirmative (+)

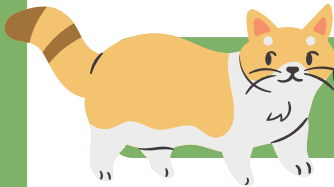
I work**ed** yesterday.
He work**ed** yesterday.
verb+ed

Negative (-)

I **didn't** work yesterday.
He **didn't** work yesterday.
didn't + simple verb

Question (?)

Did you work yesterday?
Did he work yesterday?
did+ simple verb



PAST SIMPLE IRREGULAR

Affirmative (+)

We **slept** yesterday.
She **slept** yesterday.
verb-2nd type irregular

Negative (-)

We **didn't sleep** yesterday.
She **didn't sleep** yesterday.
didn't + simple verb

Question (?)

Did we **sleep** yesterday?
Did she **sleep** yesterday?
didn't + simple verb

TIME EXPRESSIONS

- yesterday
- **last** week/month/year
- two years **ago**
- **in** 2004/ the summer
- when

USE

- completed actions/states in the past
- specific time
- narration (stories)
- past habits

The cat came home late last night
and I **didn't** feed her. Did you see her?



PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE REGULAR



Affirmative (+)

I **have** finished
He **has** finished
have/has+verb-ed

Negative (-)

I **haven't** finished
He **hasn't** finished
have/has+verb-ed

Question (?)

Have you finished?
Has he finished?
have/has+verb-ed



PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE IRREGULAR

Affirmative (+)

We **have** seen
She **has** seen
have/has+ verb-3rd type

Negative (-)

We **haven't** seen
She **hasn't** seen
haven't/hasn't+ verb-3rd type

Question (?)

Have we seen?
Has she seen?
have/has+ verb-3rd type

TIME EXPRESSIONS

- yet (negative sentences)
- ever (questions)
- just, already, never, always
- so far
- for, since

USE

- a past action but with some connection to the present, we don't say when it happened
- actions that started in the past and continue to the present
- recently finished actions
- actions that happened several times in the past

The cat hasn't eaten since yesterday. Have you seen her? Maybe she has gone out.



PAST SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE?

Use the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences with the correct tense.

1. It's 4 o'clock and I (eat) lunch yet.
2. She (go) to Paris last year during the holidays.
3. We (just/finish) our homework. Can we go out?
4. My cousins (visit) London twice this year.
5. John (not see) the film with us last Monday because he (be) busy.
6. I (lose) my keys and I can't go into my house now!
7. Maria (live) in Madrid for 10 years.
8. (you/sleep) early last night?
9. It (rain) a lot a week ago but it (be) sunny since then.
10. You (ask) me this question many times, why is that?
11. You (be) late for our lesson yesterday. (you/miss) the bus?
12. The dog is angry because I (not take) him out all day!
13. Shakespeare (write) this play four centuries ago.

REMEMBER
Look at the time expressions in each sentence, they will help you decide!



ASK AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN PAIRS

Have you ever travelled abroad?

When did you start English lessons?

How long have you known your best friend?

Where did you go for holidays last summer?

How long have you lived in your house?

What did you do last weekend?



ANSWERS

1. It's 4 o'clock and I **haven't eaten** lunch **yet**.
2. She **went** to Paris **last year** during the holidays.
3. We **have just finished** (**just**/finish) our homework. Can we go out?
4. My cousins have visited London **twice** this year.
5. John **didn't see** the film with us **last** Monday because he **was** busy.
6. I **have lost** my keys and I can't go into my house **now**!
7. Maria **has lived** in Madrid **for** 10 years.
8. **Did you sleep** early **last** night?
9. It rained a lot **a week ago** but it **has been** sunny **since** then.
10. You **have asked** me this question **many times**, why is that?
11. You **were** late for our lesson **yesterday**. **Did you miss** the bus?
12. The dog **is** angry because I **haven't taken** him out all day!
13. Shakespeare **wrote** this play **four centuries ago**.





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