GRAMMAR STRUCTURE OF THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Presenta:

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USE

We use the past simple

- For actions which happened or finished in the past. The time is either started or implied.

EXAMPLES

He **made** a cake last night. (When? Last night. The time is started).

They **went** to Lisbon on Saturday. (When? On Saturday).

They **travelled** by plane. (When? The time is implied. They travelled on Saturday).

TIME EXPRESSIONS

We use the past simple with these **time expressions**:

Yesterday, last week, last month, last year, two days/ weeks/ months/ years ago, in 1957, etc.

SPELLING

- We form the past simple of most **regular verbs** by adding **–ed** to the main verb.
  
  * I play-**played**, I work-**worked**

- We add **–d** to verbs ending in consonant **–y**, we drop the **–y** and add **–ied**.
  
  * I tidy-**tidied**, I carry-**carried**

- For verbs ending in a stressed vowel between two consonants, we double the last consonant and add **–ed, stop-** **stopp**ped

FORM
- We form questions with the auxiliary verb *did* + the subject pronoun + the base form of the verb.
  
  *Did he tidy his room yesterday?*

- We form negations with *did not/ didn’t* + the base form of the verb.
  
  *He didn’t tidy his room yesterday.*

- Some verbs have irregular affirmative past forms.
  
  *I give* - *I gave*, *I go* - *I went.*
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