

# SIMPLE PAST

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Which form of the paradigm is used?

to play (= giocare)	<b>PLAYED</b>	played
to go (= andare)	<b>WENT</b>	gone

How do we make this verb tense?

With **regular verbs** by adding **-ed** to the base form:

ex. to play (=cantare) → *I **played**, he **played**...*

**NB.** 1. monosyllabic in 1 vowel + 1 consonant: we double the consonant

to **stop** (=femarsi) → stop**ped**

2. disyllabic in -l / -r: we double -l / -r

to travel (viaggiare) → travel**led**

3. ending in -e: we add only -d

to change (cambiare) → change**d**

**Irregular verbs**, instead, have **their own form!!!**

When/Why do we use this tense?

- to express an action completed in the past, in a precise moment

Which time expressions can we find?

**Time expressions:**

**at** + ora, **on** + giorno

es. *at 7 a.m., at 8 o'clock, on Monday...*

**in** + anno / mese

es. *in 1984, in July...*

**last ...** (= lo scorso ...)

es. *last week, last Sunday, last year, ...*

**... ago** (= ... fa), **yesterday** (= ieri) es. *an hour ago, four days ago...*

**Time adverbs / interrogatives** like:

**When ...?** (= quando... ?), **What time ...?** (= a che ora...?)

**What ...?** (= che cosa... ?), **Which ...?** (= quale...?)

Which is the short answer?

**Yes, subject + did.**

**No, subject + did not (didn't).**

## GRAMMAR STRUCTURE

### AFFIRMATIVE form

Es.	Subject	+	<b>simple past</b>	+	object/place	+	<b>precise time</b>
	He		<b>played</b>		squash		<b>at 5 p.m.</b>
Tr. (Egli) <i>Ha giocato a squash alle 17.</i>							

### INTERROGATIVE form

Es.	<b>Did</b>	+	subject	+	<b>base form</b>	+	object/place	+	<b>precise time</b>
	<b>Did</b>		they		<b>see</b>		Jane		<b>last night?</b>
Tr. <i>Hanno visto Jane ieri sera?</i>									

### NEGATIVE form

Es.	Subject	+	<b>did</b>	+	<b>not</b>	+	<b>base form</b>	+	object/place	+	<b>precise time</b>
			<b>(didn't)</b>				<b>go</b>		home		<b>on Thursday.</b>
Tr. (Ella) <i>Non è andata a casa giovedì.</i>											

### INTERROG.-NEGATIVE form

Es.	<b>Didn't</b>	+	subject	+	<b>base form</b>	+	object/place	+	<b>precise time</b>
	<b>Didn't</b>		you		<b>invite</b>		Tony		<b>yesterday?</b>
Tr. <i>Non hanno invitato Tony ieri?</i>									

	Time pron.	Int. aux.	Subject	Neg.aux.	Verb	Object	Place	Time expressions
Examples	---	---	I	---	<b>visited</b>	---	a museum	<b>on Saturday.</b>
	---	<b>Did</b>	you	---	<b>see</b>	Bob	at the cinema	<b>last night?</b>
	<b>When</b>	<b>did</b>	she	---	<b>call</b>	you?	---	---
	---	---	They	<b>didn't</b>	<b>play</b>	golf	---	<b>two days ago.</b>

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