

Simple past tense



The simple past tense is used to describe an action which finished at a time in the past. The simple past is often used when writing stories.

Example: The Normans **invaded** Britain in 1066.

Verbs can often be made into the simple past tense by adding **ed** or **d**.

e.g. live – lived cook - cooked

Complete the sentences below, using the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

1. It was a hot day when we cricket.

↑
play

2. Christopher Columbus across the Atlantic Ocean.

↑
sail

Some verbs are known as irregular because the past tense is written differently.

e.g. throw – threw catch - caught

Complete the sentences below, using the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

3. Yesterday we a great film at the cinema..

↑
see

4. When we were on holiday we sandcastles on the beach.

↑
build

Complete the sentences below using the simple past tense.

5. Last Saturday I

6. After the game we

Verbs: past present and future (1)



A verb can tell us what a noun (naming word) has done in the past, is doing now or will do in the future. Here is an example:

1. Matt ran along the road to the sweet shop. (past)
2. Matt is running along the road to the sweet shop. (present time)
3. Matt will run along the road to the sweet shop. (future)

Write a sentence in the past, present and future for these verbs:

wrote

is writing

will write

talked

is talking

will talk

Put these verbs in the correct boxes in the table below:

jumped will eat is driving sank is sinking climbs
smiled is jumping will drive will visit climbed will jump

Future	Present	Past