

# Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs



## Sample Sentences

- 1 Yesterday at the football game, Franco kicked the winning field goal.
- 2 I moved to the United States from Haiti ten years ago.
- 3 My dad fried catfish for dinner last night.
- 4 We shopped at that store every week until it closed.

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- The form of the simple past tense is the same for all persons.
- To form the simple past tense of most regular verbs, add *-ed* to the base form of the verb.

Base Form	Simple Past Tense
listen	listened
start	started
open	opened
want	wanted

- Add *-d* to regular verbs that end in *e*.
- For verbs that end in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-ed*.
- Some verbs that end in a consonant form the past tense by doubling the final consonant and then adding *-ed*.

Base Form	Simple Past Tense
smile	smiled
cry	cried
permit	permitted

**Collaborate** Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the simple past tense form of each verb and original content.

- ① sub Last week, when our \_\_\_\_\_ teacher was sick,  
\_\_\_\_\_ for her.
- ② ask/cook My mother \_\_\_\_\_ me to make dinner, so I  
\_\_\_\_\_ my favorite meal: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ③ carry Because it was so heavy, I \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother's  
\_\_\_\_\_ upstairs for her.
- ④ die/pass/crash We almost \_\_\_\_\_ last night when a car  
\_\_\_\_\_ us on the right and \_\_\_\_\_  
into us.
- ⑤ attend All the students \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Turn** Work independently to complete the sentences using the simple past tense form of each verb.

- ① wait Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop for over  
an hour.
- ② occur Over 25 years ago, a nuclear disaster \_\_\_\_\_  
in Europe.
- ③ worry Before she took the test, Jill \_\_\_\_\_ that she  
might fail.
- ④ live Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ in England from 1564  
to 1616.
- ⑤ admit/rob The criminal finally \_\_\_\_\_ that he  
\_\_\_\_\_ the bank last week.