



Unit 4

Lesson 1

THE VERB 'TO BE' - PAST SIMPLE

Statements	Questions	Negatives		Short Answers
		Full form	Short form	
I was	Was I?	I was not	I wasn't	Yes, I was.
You were	Were you?	You were not	You weren't	Yes, he was.
He was	Was he?	He was not	He wasn't	Yes, they were.
She was	Was she?	She was not	She wasn't	
It was	Was it?	It was not	It wasn't	
We were	Were we?	We were not	We weren't	No, you weren't.
You were	Were you?	You were not	You weren't	No, she wasn't.
They were	Were they?	They were not	They weren't	No, we weren't.

PAST SIMPLE - FORM

Regular verbs (verb + ed)

Statements	Questions	Negatives		Short Answers
		Full form	Short form	
I asked	Did I ask?	I did not ask	I didn't ask	Yes, I did.
You asked	Did you ask?	You did not ask	You didn't ask	Yes, he did.
He asked	Did he ask?	He did not ask	He didn't ask	Yes, we did.
She asked	Did she ask?	She did not ask	She didn't ask	
It asked	Did it ask?	It did not ask	It didn't ask	No, you didn't.
We asked	Did we ask?	We did not ask	We didn't ask	No, she didn't.
You asked	Did you ask?	You did not ask	You didn't ask	No, they didn't.
They asked	Did they ask?	They did not ask	They didn't ask	

Spelling Rules

- Verbs ending in **-e** add **-d**
e.g. live - lived / die - died
- Verbs ending in vowel - consonant - vowel and are stressed on the final syllable double the consonant
e.g. star - starred / stop - stopped
- Verbs ending in **consonant + y**, drop **-y** and take **-ied**
e.g. tidy - tidied BUT play - played

REMEMBER to drop the ending **-ed** in questions and negatives!

e.g. Nobel invented dynamite.
Did he invent the telephone?
He didn't invent the telephone.

GRAMMAR APPENDIX

PAST SIMPLE - FORM

Irregular verbs

- Irregular verbs do not take the ending -ed for the past simple.
- Each irregular verb has its own form and we have to learn these forms off by heart.

e.g. go - went

Statements	Questions	Negatives		Short Answers
		Full form	Short form	
I went	Did I go?	I did not go	I didn't go	Yes, I did.
You went	Did you go?	You did not go	You didn't go	Yes, he did.
He went	Did he go?	He did not go	She didn't go	Yes, we did.
She went	Did she go?	She did not go	He didn't go	
It went	Did it go?	It did not go	It didn't go	
We went	Did we go?	We did not go	We didn't go	No, you didn't.
You went	Did you go?	You did not go	You didn't go	No, she didn't.
They went	Did they go?	They did not go	They didn't go	No, they didn't.

Irregular Verbs - INFINITIVE - PAST SIMPLE - PAST PARTICIPLE

be - was / were - been	fly - flew - flown	say - said - said
become - became - become	get - got - got	see - saw - seen
begin - began - begun	give - gave - given	send - sent - sent
buy - bought - bought	go - went - gone	sit - sat - sat
catch - caught - caught	have - had - had	speak - spoke - spoken
come - came - come	hit - hit - hit	swim - swam - swum
cut - cut - cut	know - knew - known	take - took - taken
do - did - done	leave - left - left	teach - taught - taught
drink - drank - drunk	make - made - made	tell - told - told
drive - drove - driven	meet - met - met	think - thought - thought
eat - ate - eaten	read - read - read	write - wrote - written
find - found - found	run - ran - run	

- **REMEMBER** to use the base form of the verb in questions and negatives!

e.g. Andersen wrote fairy tales.
He didn't write articles.
Did he write music?

PAST SIMPLE - USE

We use the **Past Simple** to talk about:

- finished actions in the past. e.g. Sesame Street started in 1969.
- main events in a story. e.g. Mary got dressed and went to the police station.
She asked to see ...

Time words: **in 2003 / last week / ten years ago / yesterday ...**