

Simple Past

chapter 5

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When do we use this tense in English?

Use the simple past for action that
happened in the past and is:

over, done, finished!

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Remember:

Grammar has meaning!

Different grammar tenses are used in different situations or contexts and they carry different meanings.

For example . . .

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Compare the meaning of these two sentences:

1. Sara lived in Boston for 5 years.
2. Sara has lived in Boston for 5 years.

The first sentence uses:
Simple Past

The second sentence uses:
Present Perfect

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Sara lived in Boston for 5 years.

Meaning: by using the simple past tense, we mean that Sara started living in Boston 5 years ago . . .

AND . . . then she moved!

Now she lives in a different city, like Paris.



Remember, the simple past is used for a situation that is over, finished, done!

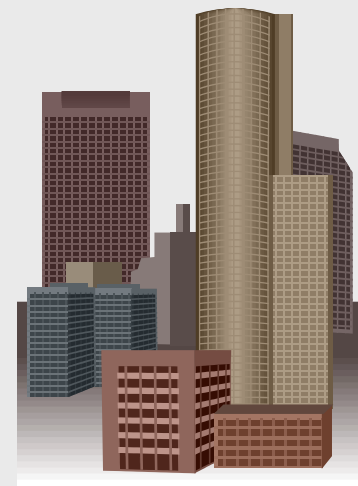
Sara has lived in Boston for 5 years.

Meaning: by using the present perfect tense, we mean that Sara began living in Boston 5 years ago .

. .

AND . . . she still lives there.

Remember, present perfect:
connects the past with the present.



◆ Use the simple past with time words like:

- yesterday
- last Saturday, week, month, year, etc.
- _____ ago
- when I was...
- in 1990 (past date)



Form Of Past Tense

Subject + verb2

For example :

Ali covered the floor with flowers.

We played football yesterday.

I went to school yesterday.

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Negative Sentences :

Subject + auxiliary verb + not +verb base
did


For example :

we watched the match yesterday

we did not watch the match yesterday

He tried to swim last night

He didn't try to swim last night

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Question Sentences:

auxiliary verb + subject + verb base

did


For example :

Did you go to London?

Did they work at home?

Where did you meet ana last week?

How did you make a cake?

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Past simple Tense

Form

Verb

Irregular

Have had

Can could

Feel felt

Draw drew

See saw

Regular

Watch watched

Cover covered

Live lived

Shelter sheltered

Remember!

If you are talking about a specific time in the past (yesterday, last month, etc.), you cannot use the present perfect.

In these cases, use the simple past.

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Practice!

Do these exercises with your class.

Choose the simple past or present perfect and talk about why each is necessary.

1. When I was a child, I _____ (swim) a lot.
2. So far this week, we _____ (study) a lot.
3. Theo _____ (be) very sick recently.
4. I _____ (have) a terrible headache yesterday.
5. It _____ (rain) a lot lately.
6. They _____ (get) married ten years ago.
7. I _____ (go) to Balboa Park many times.
8. My family _____ (take) a vacation last year.

Answers!

1. When I was a child, I swam a lot.
 2. So far this week, we have studied a lot.
 3. Theo has been very sick recently.
 4. I had a terrible headache yesterday.
 5. It has rained a lot lately.
 6. They got married ten years ago.
 7. I have gone to Balboa Park many times.
(possibly again in the future)
 8. My family took a vacation last year.
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Practice!

City : Now and in the past

Ceritakan tentang kota di mana anda bertempat tinggal, analisa perubahan apa saja yang terjadi.

Tulislah perbedaan antara dulu dan sekarang.



THANK YOU

SEE YOU IN NEXT CHAPTER

