

Simple Past - irregular

When do I use the simple past?

- Actions that started and **finished** in the past
- **When** the action happened is clear (yesterday, "x time" ago, last/past time: 2 weeks ago, last month, past summer)
- Old news
- Things cannot change

An **Irregular Verb** is a verb that doesn't follow the regular inflection, or ending to the word, that's expected when putting it into the *past tense* or *past participle*.

Affirmative

We **sent** an e-mail to our teacher this morning.

She **wrote** a book a few years ago.

subj + verb (*simple past*)

Negative

We **didn't send** an e-mail to our teacher this morning.

She **didn't write** a book a few years ago.

subj + didn't / did not + verb (*base form*)

Interrogative

Did you **send** an e-mail to our teacher this morning?

Did she **write** a book a few years ago?

What did they **eat** for lunch?

WH + did + subj + verb (*base form*)?

Summarizing

You will **only** use the verbs in the *simple past* form when the sentences are **affirmative**!