

TALKING ABOUT PAST EVENTS

PAST SIMPLE

When we want to talk about events that happened in the past we need to use the past simple tense and we must know the irregular verbs in English. We should also have in mind the expressions that help us understand the order in which the events took place.

• USE

1. Events that happened in the past.

• FORM

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Verb + ED *	Didn't	Did
II form of irregular verbs	+ VERB INFINITIVE	+ subject +VERB INFINITIVE

**verbs ending in [consonant+Y] → study → studied*

**verbs ending in [consonant+vowel+consonant] → double consonant. Stop → stopped*

• TEMPORAL EXPRESSIONS: this tense appear with the following expressions

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?	Order of events
- Yesterday	First
- ago	Then/after that/Next
- Last (week/Monday/month)	Finally
- In 1985	
- When I was small...	

USED TO

USE → To talk about things we did in the past but we don't do it any more now.

Form → USED TO /DIDN'T USE TO/ DID+ SUBJECT+USE TO....

Example: When I was younger I used to smoke.