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Simple Past
Used to talk about something
that started in the past and
finished in the past.
Used to describe a sequence of
events in past.
We use time expressions to talk
about the date or time when the
action happened.

Past Time Expressions		
Last week	One week ago	
Last	Two months	
weekend	ago	
Last month	Three years ago	
Last year	Yesterday	

Structure	
Affirm- ative	Subject + Verb + 'ed' + complement
Negative	Subject + Aux didn't + verb + complement
Question	Aux did + Subject + verb + complement

To speak about an activity that happened at a specific time. To indicate that an action in the past was interrupted. you use also past simple in the same sentence.

structure	
Affirm-	Subject + To Be
ative	(was/were) +
	verb+ing +
	complement
Negative	Subject + To Be
	(wasn't/weren't) +
	verb+ing +
	complement
Question	To be (was/were) +
	subject + verb+ing +
	complement?

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When he was crossing the
street, the lights turned red.

structure	
Affirm- ative	Pron + had + participle verb + complement
Negative	Pron + had not + participle verb + complement
Question	had + pron + participle verb + complement ?
Use of Adverb	

Use of Adverb		
Just	finished	
Really	Tried	
Already	Eaten	
Ever	gone	

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To talk actions completed before other events in the past. It is just used when talking about two actions.



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