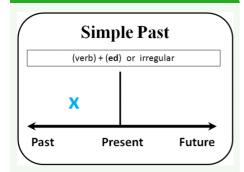


Past Simple ESL Cheat Sheet

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Past Simple Use



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We use the Past SImple for compeleted actions in the past.

Example: He died in 1928.

We use the Past Simple for repeated

actions in the past.

Example: She phoned her family every day

when she was on holiday.

We use the Past Simple for a series of

actions on the past.

Example: We walked along the river, saw some ducks and gave them some bread.

Other ed words

Some adjectives end with **ed** we need to use the verb **TO BE** with these.

Example: He was excited to see his friend yesterday.

Negative: He wasn't excited to see his

friend yesterday.

Question: Was he excited to see his friend

yesterday?

Regular Verbs

With regular verbs we add 'ed' to the end of the verb.

Example: To look - Looked

If the verb already ends with an 'e' don't add

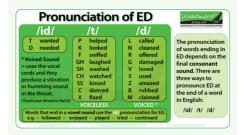
an extra one!

Example To like - Liked - Liked

There are 3 ways to pronounce regular

verbs. See below:

Pronunciation of ED



Negatives and questions

Negatives	Questions
I didn't watch TV	Did I watch TV
yesterday.	yesterday?
You didn't see me in	Did you see me this
the meeting.	morning?
He/She/It didn't take	Did He/She/It take a
a long time to arrive.	long time to arrive?
We didn't climb the	Did we climb the
mountain last	mountain last
weekend.	weekend?
They didn't have a	Did they have a dog
dog when they were	when they were
young.	young?

With all other verbs we use **didn't** for negative sentences and **did** for questions. The second verb stays in the basic form

To be

We use the verb 'to be' for place and state and feelings.

Place - I was in the park yesterday.

State - She was a nurse 10 years ago.

Feelings - They were happy on holiday.

To be - form

Sentence	Negative	Questions
I was in the park yesterday	I wasn't in the park yesterday	Was I in the park yesterday?
You were on holiday last week	You weren't on holiday last week	Were you on holiday last week?
He/She/It was great!	He/She/It wasn't great!	Was it great?
We were sick on the weekend	We weren't sick on the weekend	Were we sick on the weekend?
They were married 5 years ago	They weren't married 5 years ago	Were they married 5 years ago?

Irregular verbs form

Past	Infinitive	Past	No	Vowel	Two
tense = Past Paticiple	+(e)n	form + (e)n	Change	Change	forms
buy bought bought	eat ate eat en	break broke brok en	put put put	drink drank drunk	learn learnt/l earned leant/-
					learned

It's always better to learn the 3 forms of the irregular verbs at the same time.

Even though there are categories, the best way to learn irregular verbs is by heart!

The verbs ending in **ought** are pronounced like **ORT**

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