

Simple past

The simple past is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that happened or existed before now.

Signal Words of Simple Past :

yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in the past,in2004, the other day, last (Friday ,day,week,month...)

SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF TO BE, TO HAVE, TO DO

| Subject | Verb | | |
|------------|------|-----|-----|
| | BE | HAD | DO |
| I | WAS | HAD | DID |
| YOU | WERE | HAD | DID |
| HE /SHE/IT | WAS | HAD | DID |
| WE | WERE | HAD | DID |
| THEY | WERE | HAD | DID |

Form of Simple Past

Affirmative

Subject + verb + ed

Ex : Last year, I traveled to Japan.

Negative

Subject + did not + infinitive without to

Ex : He did not clean the room.

He didn't clean the room.

Interrogative

Did + subject + infinitive without to

Ex : Did you play football?

Interrogative negative

Did not + subject + infinitive without to

- For irregular verbs use the past form(2nd column of the table of the irregular verbs)