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**The Simple Past Tense**

**What is the general rule for the verbs?**

**1. Regular Verbs:**

Almost Every Regular Verbs

*Add –ed at the end of the base form.*

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| **Simple Present Tense** | **Simple Past Tense** |
| Add | Added |
| Join | Joined |
| Need | Needed |

Regular Verbs Ended in E

*Add –d at the end of the base form.*

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| **Simple Present Tense** | **Simple Past Tense** |
| Care | Cared |
| Relate | Related |
| Smile | Smiled |

**2. Irregular Verbs**:

In fact, there are hundreds of irregular verbs in English. Here are a few examples of them:

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| **Simple Present Tense** | **Simple Past Tense** |
| Buy | Bought |
| Come | Came |
| Feel | Felt |
| Go | Went |
| Make | Made |
| Put | Put |

**Examples:**

Regular Verbs

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| **Positive Sentences** | **Negative Sentences** | **Questions** |
| I watched the Korean drama last night. | I did not watch the Korean drama last night. | Did you watch the Korean drama last night? |
| They lived in New Zealand ten years ago. | They did not live in New Zealand ten years ago. | Did they live in New Zealand ten years ago? |
| She called me this morning. | She did not call me this morning. | Did she call you this morning? |

Irregular Verbs :

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| **Positive Sentences** | **Negative Sentences** | **Questions** |
| I bought a camera yesterday. | I did not buy a camera yesterday. | Did you buy a camera yesterday? |
| We went to Europe two years ago. | We did not go to Europe two years ago. | Did we go to Europe two years ago? |
| They made their own bags last month. | They did not make their own bags last month. | Did they make their own bags last month? |

