

A. Introduction & Usage

- They **watch** television every evening. (*present simple*)
- They **watched** television yesterday evening. (*past simple*)

watched is the past simple:

I / we / you / they / he / she / it
watched

EVENING CONTEXT

Yesterday: Watched TV

Every day: Watches TV

B. Regular Verbs (-ed) & Spelling Rules

The past simple is often **-ed** (regular verbs). For example:

work → worked | clean → cleaned | start → started
stay → stayed | arrive → arrived | dance → danced

- I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.
- Terry **worked** in a bank from 1986 to 1993.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** and **talked**.

Spelling: try → tried | study → studied | copy → copied | stop → stopped | plan → planned

C. Irregular Verbs

Some verbs are irregular (= not regular). The past simple is **not -ed**. Here are some important irregular verbs:

VERB	PAST SIMPLE	VERB	PAST SIMPLE	VERB	PAST SIMPLE	VERB	PAST SIMPLE
begin	began	fall	fell	leave	left	sell	sold
break	broke	find	found	lose	lost	sit	sat
bring	brought	fly	flew	make	made	sleep	slept
build	built	forget	forgot	meet	met	speak	spoke
buy	bought	get	got	pay	paid	stand	stood
catch	caught	give	gave	put	put	take	took
come	came	go	went	read	read	tell	told
do	did	have	had	ring	rang	think	thought
drink	drank	hear	heard	say	said	win	won
eat	ate	know	knew	see	saw	write	wrote

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9.30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Caroline **went** to the cinema three times last week.
- Rakesh **came** into the room, **took** off his jacket and **sat** down.