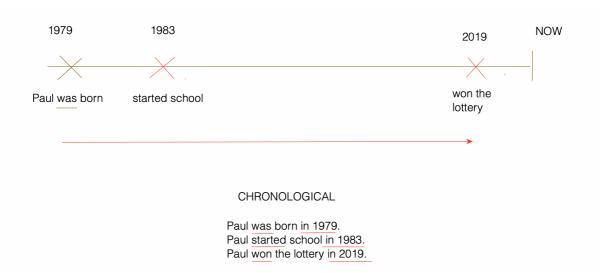


# **Tense Review – Introduction to Past Simple**

We often use Past Simple and Past Continuous together. They, along with Past Perfect, form the 'narrative tenses' – which means we use these tenses to tell stories. Stories are all where? In the past!

#### Let's understand Past Simple first.

The past simple is related to actions/states which are finished, in the past. This includes routines in the past.



We use Past Simple with time stamps. They are phrases which tell us when something happens.

Here are some examples:

#### **Time Stamps**

Use with past simple		Use with past simple or present perfect	Use with the perfect tenses
yesterday	at that time	recently	lately since
last night	a few days back		in the last few days
last year	once upon a time		over the past few years previously
ast week	when we were young		prior to in the past
two days ago	in the following week		
the day before yesterday	back then		
in the past	earlier		
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#### For - Time Periods

For is used with multiple tenses. It just shows how long a period is/was. Below shows it being used in the past:

Past: I was in France **for** 2 years. Future: The film will last **for** 2 hours.

### Here it is in the present perfect:

I have been waiting for 2 minutes.

'For' does not stick to one tense!

## **Spelling & Pronunciation**

Quick Verb Table: Be aware of the regular/irregular nature of English verbs:

present (infinitive)	past simple	past participle
go	went	gone
work	worked	worked
visit	visited	visited
live	lived	lived
eat	ate	eaten
think	thought	thought
drink	drank	drunk
ride	rode	ridden
type	typed	typed
teach	taught	taught
shop	shopped	shopped
buy	bought	bought
need	needed	needed
walk	walked	walked



#### **Spelling advice**

- Double vowel + consonant = +ed (needed)
- Single vowel + consonant = + con +ed (hopped)
- Ends with a y consonant + y = + ied (studied)
- Ends with a y vowel + y = +ed (stayed)

**Pronunciation** = if verb ends with a 'd' or a 't' = sound 'ed'

#### Exercise

## Make past simple sentences from the prompts below:

- 1. 2 visits/grandparents (2 yrs 18yrs)
- 2. Elvis Presley RIP 16/08/1977
- 3. school/strict
- 4. infant school primary school secondary school (start work chef)



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#### **Answers**

## Make past simple sentences from the prompts below:

1. 2 visits/grandparents (2 yrs - 18yrs)

When I was young I rarely visited my grandparents.

2. Elvis Presley RIP 16/08/1977

Elvis <u>died</u> in 1977.

3. school/strict

The school I went to was very strict.

4. infant school - primary school - secondary school - (start work - chef)

After secondary school I **started** working as a chef.