

The simple past on the timeline:



..the action is in the past and you know when exactly.

Important things about the past simple:

If on the end of the word is a stressed consonant you have to double it: (stop-stopped, swapped)!

To use the past simple correctly, you have to know/write the irregular verbs and their irregular simple past forms.

Signal Words:

yesterday-gestern
 last week-letzte Woche
 a month ago-vor einem Monat
 in 2002-2002

Examples:

to visit- You visited me in Paris.

to love- I loved you.

to worry- He worried about the weather.

to go- I went to the cinema yesterday.

to stop- The police stopped me.

Past Simple

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..the irregular past simple form for **irregular verbs**. (speak-spoke-spoken -> Example: I spoke)

When do we use the simple past:

We use the past simple if:

- ..the action is in the past and finished.
- ..you have some successive actions in the past.

How to build the past simple:

Take for all persons:

- ..the word stem and put an "ed" on the end of the word. (word stem+ ed)
- ..the word stem and put a "d" on the end of the word, if the word stem has an "e" on the end. (word stem+ -d)
- ..the word stem and put "+ed" on the end of the word, if the word stem without the "y" on the end+it+ed)

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