

PAST SIMPLE

ПРОСТОЕ ПРОШЕДШЕЕ ВРЕМЯ

Form

1. Regular verbs:

V+ -ed:

to start — **started**

I (he, she, it, we, you, they) **asked**.

2. Irregular verbs:

2nd form:

to begin — **began**

Questions and negatives

- Use **did** (для всех лиц и чисел).

- **general question:**

A

Auxiliary verb

S

I

subject

infinitive

Did

**I (he, she
it, we, you, they)**

ask?

- **special question:**

QU

Question
verb

Who

A

auxiliary
verb

did

S

subject

I

I

infinitive

ask?

Questions and negatives:

- **Short answers are:**
- **Yes**, I (he, she, it, we, you, they) **did**.
- **No**, I (he, she, it, we, you, they) **didn't**.

- Use **didn't + V** to make **negative**:
- I didn't ask them.
- I didn't go to France.

TO BE

- Move **to be (was/were)** to the beginning to make a question:
 - Was** I wrong?
 - Was** he ill?
 - Were** you all right?
- To make negative use not:
 - was not = **wasn't**, were not = **weren't**
 - He was not at home.
 - They were not ready yesterday.

Usage

❑ 1. **Finished action in the past:**

Yesterday I wrote a letter to my sister.

❑ 2. **Regular (repeated) action in the past:** every day, often, at first *etc*

He wrote letters to his parents every day.

It's possible to use expression

used to + infinitive in such cases:

He **used to play** football. Раньше он играл в футбол

❑ 3. **Succession of actions in the past:**

He came home, had his dinner and went to bed at once.