

1º ANO

SEMANA 24

Simple Past Tense

Regular verbs

Spelling rules	Examples
base form + ed	walk → walk ed play → play ed
verbs ending in -e + d	like → lik ed move → mov ed
verbs ending in a consonant + y ↓ change y → i + ed	carry → carr ied stud y → stud ied
Some verbs ending in a single consonant + the second last letter is a vowel → double the last letter + ed	plan → plan ned stop → stop ped



Simple past

7. Study the following examples and check (✓) the options that complete the rules correctly.

In 1893, he *went* to South Africa where he *fought* against discriminatory policies.
Pablo Picasso *experienced* a restless artistic production.

a) We use simple past to

- I. () talk about future plans.
- II. () talk about what was happening at a certain time in the past.
- III. () talk about actions and situations that happened at a particular time in the past.

b) Both sentences

- I. () are in the affirmative form.
- II. () are in the negative form.
- III. () present irregular verbs.

c) *Went* and *fought* are examples of

- I. () regular verbs.
- II. () irregular verbs.
- III. () infinitive verbs.

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- Most regular verbs take *-ed*.
join – **joined** return – **returned** discover – **discovered**
- Verbs ending in *-e* take *-d*.
change – **changed** decide – **decided** die – **died**
- One-syllable verbs ending in a consonant-vowel-consonant combination have their last consonant doubled and take *-ed*.
plan – **planned** stop – **stopped** shop – **shopped**
- Verbs ending in a consonant followed by *-y* have *-y* replaced by *-i* and then *-ed* is added.

8. Analyze the following sentences and fill in the blanks to complete the rules for the interrogative and negative forms of the simple past.

Kahlo planned to become a doctor, but she *didn't finish* her studies.

Rosa Parks *did not give up* her seat and that decision changed history.

Did they do important things?

How did people *become* involved in the Montgomery bus boycott in Alabama?

- a) In the simple past, we use the auxiliary verb _____ + *not*, or its contracted form _____, to make negative sentences.
- b) Negative and interrogative sentences take the _____ form of the main verb.
- c) To form a *yes/no* question, we use the auxiliary verb *did* _____ the subject.
- d) To form an information question, we usually follow this sequence: Question word + _____ + subject + _____ form of the main verb.

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+ subject + infinitive form of the main verb.

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- The following time expressions are often used with the simple past:
yesterday last night/week/year a week ago a long time ago
- Study these examples:
Peter wrote a letter to a magazine *yesterday*.
Did you see Joan at the party *last night*? (Yes, I did. / No, I didn't)
This story happened *a long time ago*.

9. Now, complete the following sentences with the verbs given.

- a) Nelson Mandela _____ on December 5, 2013. (die)
- b) Picasso _____ himself a political artist. (not consider)
- c) Rosa Parks _____ she _____ no choice. (feel/have)
- d) _____ Gandhi _____ in England? Yes, he _____. (live)
- e) The other students _____ Villa-Lobos well. (not know)
- f) Peter _____ the opportunity to get to know Steve Jobs. (have)

e) The other students _____ **didn't know** _____ Villa-Lobos well. (not know)

f) Peter _____ **had** _____ the opportunity to get to know Steve Jobs. (have)

10. Read the following quotation and complete it with the correct form of the verbs given.

"I _____ (meet) Woz when I _____ (be) 13, at a friend's garage. He _____ (be) about 18. He was, like, the first person I met who _____ (know) more electronics than I _____ (do) at that point. We _____ (become) good friends, because we _____ (share) an interest in computers and we _____ (have) a sense of humor. We _____ (pull) all kinds of pranks together."

Steve Jobs

BRAINY QUOTES. *Steve Jobs quotes*. Available at: <<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/s/stevejobs416896.html>>. Accessed on: 9 Sept. 2014.

11. Make questions for the following answers. In order to select the proper question word, pay attention to the underlined expressions.

- a) _____? I was born in Chile.
- b) _____? I was born in 1985.
- c) _____? As a child, I lived in Calcutta.
- d) _____? As a child, I liked riding my bike.
- e) W _____? My best friend at elementary school was Anne.

12. Work in pairs. Use the questions in activity 11 to interview one of your classmates. Take note of their answers.

Answers will vary.

Sugestão de atividade: questão 3 da seção **Challenge yourself**.