

Seventh Lecture

## Unit Three

# Past simple & Past Continuous

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## 1. Past simple

S.+V.(\*1(regular)V.+ ed /\*2(irregular) V. /\*3(Aux.v.)) + C.

The simple past is used to describe an action that occurred and completed in the past.

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| 1. Regular verb. + ed | e.g. Walk- walked          |
| 2. Irregular verb.    | e.g. Get – got             |
| 3. Auxiliary verb.    | e.g. are – were/ is,am-was |

We differentiate between this tense from any other tense by the time phrases (**Adverbs of time**):

(**yesterday, in 1960, ago, in the past, last—week, year, or month**).

1. Noor worked hard yesterday.
2. They went to Italy last month.
3. You were happy in the past.

## Adding (ed) to the verbs

1. when the verb ends in "e", add only "d."

Ex: "arrive + d = arrived".

2. when the verb ends in consonant + "y," change the "y" to "i" and add "-ed".

Ex: "study + ed = studied".

3. when a verb ends in vowel + "y," add "-ed".

Ex: "play + ed = played".

4. For one-syllable verbs ends with consonant-vowel-consonant (except x), double the last letter and add -ed. (Note: Never double final x.)

Ex: stop → stopped

jog → jogged

5. The other cases (including words that end in x), simply add -ed without any change.

Ex: wish → wished

enter → entered

# Grammar Spot

Write the past simple of these verbs.

Ask ed

Show

Want ed

Walk

Start ed

Try ⇒ Tried

Carry

Like

Believe

Use

Stop

plan

Here are the past forms of some irregular verbs. Write the infinitives.

1. were **Were**

2. saw **saw**

3. went **went**

4. told **told**

5. said **said**

6. had **had**

7. took **took**

8. gave **gave**

9. got **got**

10. could **could**

11. made **made**

12. did **did**

## 2. Past continuous

S.+(was/were) + (V.+ING)+ C.

We use P.C. to talk about something that was continual before something happened in the past.

e.g. While he was eating his dinner, the door knocked.

### Practice

A/ Choose the correct verb form

1. I saw/was seeing a very good programme on TV last night.
2. While I shopped/ was shopping this morning, I lost / was losing my money. I don't know how.
3. Last week the police stopped/ were stopping Alan in his car because he drove/was driving at over eighty miles an hour.
4. How did you cut / were cutting your finger?
6. When I arrived/ was arriving at the picnic, everyone had/was having a good time.

Thank  
You

