Unit 11 worked/got/went, etc. (simple past)

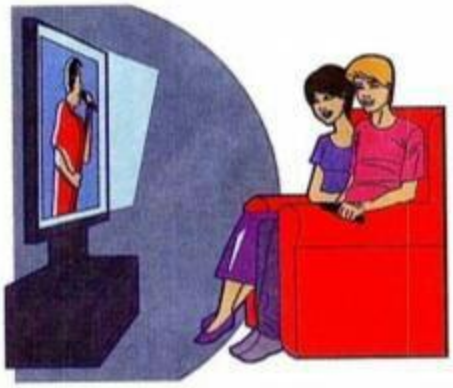
A

They **watch** TV every night. *(simple present)*

They **watched** TV last night. *(simple past)*

watched is the *simple past:*

I/we/you/they	**watched**
he/she/it	



B

The *simple past* is often **-ed** *(regular verbs)*. For example:

work → **worked**	dance → **danced**
clean → **cleaned**	stay → **stayed**
start → **started**	need → **needed**

- I brush my teeth every morning. This morning I **brushed** my teeth.
- Tony **worked** in a bank from 2005 to 2011.
- Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It **stopped** at lunchtime.
- We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and **talked** to a lot of people. The party **ended** at midnight.

You can use **just** with the *simple past* (**just** = a short time ago):

- "Is Tom here?" "No, he **just left**."
- I'm not hungry. I **just had** dinner.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

try → tr**ied**	study → stud**ied**	copy → cop**ied**
stop → sto**pped**	plan → pla**nned**	

C

Some verbs are *irregular* (= not regular). The *simple past* is *not* **-ed**. Here are some important irregular verbs (see also Appendixes 2–3):

begin	→	**began**	fall	→	**fell**	leave	→	**left**	sell	→	**sold**
break		**broke**	find		**found**	lose		**lost**	sit		**sat**
bring		**brought**	fly		**flew**	make		**made**	sleep		**slept**
build		**built**	forget		**forgot**	meet		**met**	speak		**spoke**
buy		**bought**	get		**got**	pay		**paid**	stand		**stood**
catch		**caught**	give		**gave**	put		**put**	take		**took**
come		**came**	go		**went**	read		**read** (red)*	tell		**told**
do		**did**	have		**had**	ring		**rang**	think		**thought**
drink		**drank**	hear		**heard**	say		**said**	win		**won**
eat		**ate**	know		**knew**	see		**saw**	write		**wrote**

**pronounced "red"*

- I usually get up early, but this morning I **got** up at 9:30.
- We **did** a lot of work yesterday.
- Megan **went** to the movies three times last week.
- James **came** into the room, **took** off his coat, and **sat** down.

was/were → **Unit 10** **I didn't / Did you . . .?** (negative and questions) → **Unit 12** **ago** → **Unit 18**

Exercises

11.1 Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the box.

~~brush~~	die	end	enjoy	happen	open	rain	start	stay	want

1 I ...brushed... my teeth three times yesterday.
2 It was hot in the room, so I ..... the window.
3 The movie was very long. It ..... at 7:15 and ..... at 10:00.
4 When I was a child, I ..... to be a doctor.
5 The accident ..... last Sunday afternoon.
6 The weather is nice today, but yesterday it ..... all day.
7 We ..... our vacation last year. We ..... at a very nice place.
8 Anna's grandfather ..... when he was 90 years old.

11.2 Read about Liz's trip to Madrid. Put the verbs in the correct form. مرجع زبان ایرانیان

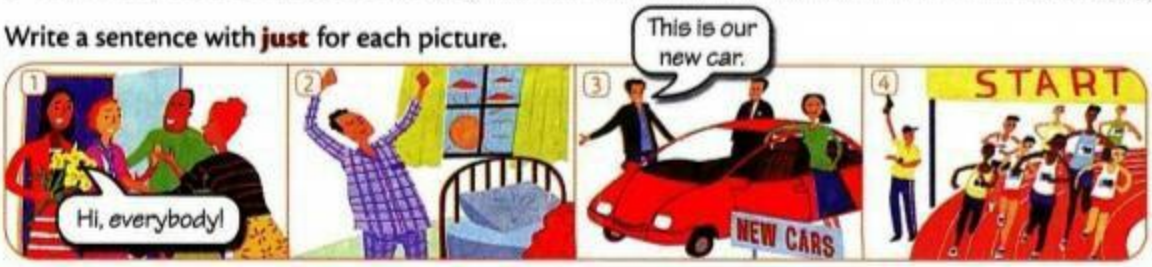
Last Tuesday, Liz (1) ...flew... from Los Angeles to Madrid. She (2) ..... up at 6:00 in the morning and (3) ..... a cup of coffee. At 7:15 she (4) ..... home and (5) ..... to the airport. When she (6) ..... there, she (7) ..... the car, (8) ..... to the terminal, and (9) ..... in. Then she (10) ..... breakfast at an airport café and (11) ..... for her flight. The plane (12) ..... on time and (13) ..... in Madrid 13 hours later. Finally, she (14) ..... a taxi from the airport to her hotel downtown.

fly
get, have
leave, drive
get, park
walk, check
have, wait
depart, arrive
take

11.3 Write sentences about the past (**yesterday** / **last week**, etc.).

1 James always goes to work by car. Yesterday ...he went to work by car.
2 Rachel often loses her keys. She ..... last week.
3 Kate meets her friends every night. She ..... last night.
4 I buy a newspaper every day. Yesterday I .....
5 We often go to the movies on weekends. Last Sunday we .....
6 I eat an orange every day. Yesterday I .....
7 Tom always takes a shower in the morning. This morning he .....
8 Our friends often come to see us. They ..... last Friday.

11.4 Write a sentence with **just** for each picture.



1 ...They just arrived.
2 He .....
3 They .....
4 The race .....

→ Additional exercise 10 (page 242)