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Grammar Reference

Past simple
The past simple is generally used to talk about something that happened already and was finished in the past.
Example:
    I was at the theater yesterday.
    We went fishing last weekend.

Verb "to be"
Verb "is/am" is changed to "was". Verb "are" is changed to "were"

Form:
    Subject + was/were + …

Example:
    He was tired last night.
Negative form:
    Subject + was/were + not + …

Example:
    They were not at the library a few hours ago.
    He wasn't in the classroom this morning.
Notes:
    "wasn't" = "was not"
    "weren't" = "were not"
Question form:
    Was/Were + subject + …?

Example:
    Were the singers good?   Yes, they were. No, they weren't.
    Was he there?   Yes, he was.   No, he wasn't.

Regular verbs
Form
    Subject + verb + …
Example:
    He visited his aunt yesterday.
Negative form:
    Subject + did + not (didn't) + verb (base form) + …
Example:
    They didn't play soccer last week.
Yes/No question form:
    Did + subject + verb (base form) + … ?

Example:
    Did you watch a movie last night?   Yes, I did.
    No, I didn't.

Question form:

Wh-word + did + subject + verb (base form) + …?

Example:

When did you wash the dishes?

Spelling rules

1. For most regular verbs, just add "-ed" to the verb

work	worked
watch	watched
listen	listened

2. Add "-d" to verbs that end in "-e"

| live | lived |
| change | changed |

3. ==With verbs that end in a consonant + "-y", change the "-y" to "-i" and add "-ed"==

| study | studied |
| carry | carried |

4. With verbs of one syllable that end in a vowel + a consonant, double the consonant and add "-ed"

| plan | planned |
| jog | jogged |