Past simple tense

- the event is **in the past**

- the event is **completely finished**

- we say (or understand) the **time**
  and/or **place** of the event

Past simple tense – minulý čas prostý
the event – událost
completely finished – zcela ukončený

2 USE: A Series of Past Completed Actions

- **I finished** work, **walked** to the beach, and **looked for** a nice place to swim.

- He **arrived** from the airport at 8:00, **checked** into the hotel at 9:00, and **picked up** the others at 10:00.

- **Did** you **add** flour, **pour** in the milk, and then **add** the eggs?

completed	– dokončený
look for	– hledat
check	– ubytovat se
	– zkontrolovat,
pick up	– vyzvednout
pour	– nasypat
add	– přidat

3 USE: Duration in Past

I **(live)** in Brazil for two years.

I **lived** in Brazil for two years.

Jane **(study)** Japanese for five years.

Jane **studied** Japanese for five years.

They **(stay)** at the beach all day.

They **stayed** at the beach all day.

They **(not stay)** at the party the entire time.

They **did not stay** at the party the entire time.

How long **...** you **(wait)**? We **(wait)** for one hour.

How long **did** you **wait**? We **waited** for one hour.

We use the past simple tense to talk about an action or a situation - an event - in the past. The event can be **short** or **long**.

- The car **<u>exploded</u>** at 9.30 am yesterday.

- I **<u>lived</u>** in Bangkok for 10 years.

- The Jurassic period **<u>lasted</u>** about 62 million years.

- I **<u>lived</u>** in that house when I was young.

Last – trvat

FORM – regular verbs affirmative

the verb + **(e)d**

I, you, he/she/it, we, they **worked**   pracoval/a/i/y

I, you, he/she/it, we, they **moved**   přestěhoval/a/i/y

I, you, he/she/it, we, they **called**   volal/a/i/y

Irregular verbs have various forms:

come	came	come
meet	met	met
see	saw	seen

FORM – regular/irregular verbs negative

the auxiliary verb DO -> DID is necessary:

You **did not (didn't) meet** Debbie.

Helen **did not (didn't) buy** a car.

I **did not (didn't) catch** my train.

Compare with the present simple tense:

You **do not (don't) meet** Debbie.

Helen **does not (doesn't) wash** her car.

I **do not (don't) finish** my work.

auxiliary	– pomocný
necessary	– nutný
finish	– končit, skončit
compare	– porovnat

FORM – regular/irregular verbs interrogative

the auxiliary verb DO -> DID is necessary:

Did you **meet** Debbie?

Did Helen **buy** a car?

Did he **catch** his train?

Compare with the present simple tense:

Do you **meet** Debbie?

Does Helen **buy** a car?

Does he **catch** his train?

auxiliary	– pomocný
necessary	– nutný
finish	– končit, skončit
compare	– porovnat

be	was/were, been	get	got, got
write	wrote, written	make	made, made
catch	caught, caught	lay	laid, laid
understand	understood, understood	keep	kept, kept
do	did, done	mean	meant, meant
take	took, taken	hang	hung, hung
eat	ate, eaten	put	put, put
say	said, said	give	gave, given
fall	fell, fallen	read	read, read
pay	paid, paid	feel	felt, felt

Exercise

Napsal mi e-mail.
He wrote me an e-mail.
Porozuměli tomu úkolu.
They understood this task.
Nerozuměli tomu.
I didn't understand it.
Zaplatili jste oběd?
Did you pay for your lunch?
Dali jsme šaty do šatníku.
We put our clothes into the wardrobe.
Nevěděl jsem o tom.
I didn't know about it.
Jak jsi se cítil?
How did you feel?
Stihl jsem vlak v šest.
I cought the train at six.