

# 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

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 **exploded** at 9.30am yesterday.
- I **lived** in Bangkok for 10 years.
- The Jurassic period **lasted** about 62 million years.
- I **lived** in that house when I was young.

# 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

You **called** Debbie.

Helen **washed** her car.

I **finished** my work.

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# FORM – regular verbs negative

**the auxiliary verb DO -> DID is necessary:**

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

**Helen did not (didn't) wash her car.**

**I did not (didn't) finish my work.**

**Compare with the present simple tense:**

**You do not (don't) call 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 verbs

## interrogative

**the auxiliary verb DO -> DID is necessary:**

**Did you call Debbie?**

**Did Helen wash her car?**

**Did he finish his work?**

**Compare with the present simple tense:**

**Do you call Debbie?**

**Does Helen wash her car?**

**Does he finish his work?**

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# 1 USE: Completed Action in the Past

I **(watch)** a movie yesterday.

I **watched** a movie yesterday.

I **(not see)** a play yesterday.

I **didn't see** a play yesterday.

Last year, I **(travel)** to Japan.

Last year, I **traveled** to Japan.

Last year, I **(not travel)** to Korea.

Last year, I **didn't travel** to Korea.

... you **(cook)** dinner last night?

**Did** you **cook** dinner last night?

She **(wash)** her car.

She **washed** her car.

He **(not wash)** his car.

He **didn't wash** his car.

## 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.

# Exercise

Ten film trval dvě hodiny.

***The film lasted two hours.***

Pracoval jsi minulý týden?

***Did you work last week?***

Neviděl jsem ho v pondělí.

***I didn't see him on Monday.***

Škola včera skončila v poledne.

***The lessons finished at noon yesterday.***

Proč skončila tak brzy?

***Why did it finish so early?***

Nevěděl jsem o tom.

***I didn't know about it.***

Zůstal jsem tam pouze tři týdny.

***I stayed there only three weeks.***

Pozval jsi Kate?

***Did you invite Kate?***