



Module: English
Branch: Banking Marketing
Level: Master One

Lecture 09: The past simple

1- Positive forms

A regular past form ends in **ed**.

***It happened** very quickly. The van **crashed** into the car I **posted** the letter yesterday.*

We

*once **owned** a caravan*

Some verbs have an irregular past form.

*The car **came** out of a side road. Vicky **rang** earlier.*

*I **won** the game.*

*I **had** breakfast at six. The train **left** on time. We **took** some photos..*

The past simple is the same in all persons except in the past tense of be.

<i>I/he/she/it</i>	<i>I was ill last</i>
<i>was</i>	<i>week,</i>
<i>you/we/they</i>	<i>Those cakes</i>
<i>were</i>	<i>were nice.</i>

2- Negatives and questions

We use **did** in negatives and questions

NEGATIVE QUESTION

<i>I/you/he/she/it/we/they did</i>	<i>did</i>
<i>not stop</i>	<i>I/you/he/she/it/we/they</i>
<i>OR didn't stop</i>	<i>stop?</i>

*The car **did not stop**. The driver **didn't look** to his right.*

*What **did** you **tell** the police? ~ Nothing. **Did** you **ring** home? ~ Yes, I **did**.*

We do not use a past form such as **stopped** or **rang** in negatives and questions.

NOT *The- car **didn't stopped** and NOT **Did** you **rang**?*

We also use **was** and **were** in negatives and questions.

- NEGATIVE

*I/he/she/it **was not** OR **wasn't***

*you/we/they **were** OR **weren't***

- QUESTION

***was** I/he/she/it?*

***were** you/we/they?*

*I wasn't very well last week. The gates weren't open.
Where was your friend last night? Was your steak nice?*

3- Use

We use the past simple for something in the past which is finished.

Emma passed her exam last year. We went to the theatre on Friday. Elvis Presley died in 1977.

I knew what the problem was. When did you buy this car? ~ About three years ago.

4- Exercice to do

What can you say in these situations? Add a sentence with the past continuous to say that an action lasted a long time.

► You had to work yesterday. The work went on all day.

/ was working all day.

1 You had to make phone calls. The calls went on all evening.

2 You had to wait in the rain. The wait lasted for half an hour.

3 You had to make sandwiches. This went on all afternoon.

4 You had to sit in a traffic jam. You were there for two hours.

5 Your neighbour played loud music. This went on all night