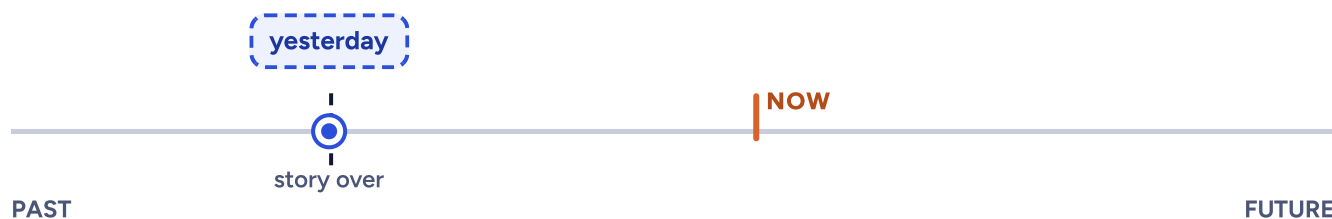


Past Simple

Use the **Past Simple** for a finished action or situation at a time you can name, or one that's clear from the context: *I called her yesterday. We lived in Iași in 2015.* Form: **verb + -ed** or the irregular past form, with **did** for questions and negatives.

I **called** her yesterday.



1. Choose the right answer

Circle a or b.

1. We _____ to Rome in 2019.
a) went b) have been
2. When _____ your car?
a) have you bought b) did you buy
3. _____ the email yesterday?
a) Did you got b) Did you get
4. She _____ the company two years ago.
a) left b) has left
5. I _____ to the party last night because I was ill.
a) haven't gone b) didn't go

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I have seen him yesterday.

2. Did you went to the meeting?

3. I didn't knew that.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences about your own life in the **Past Simple**. Use one of these words in each.

yesterday

last week

in 2019

two days ago

on Monday

when I was...

then

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at
clarigram.app/tenses/past-simple

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) went** In 2019 is a finished time, so it takes the Past Simple.
2. **b) did you buy** When? asks for a finished time, so it takes the Past Simple.
3. **b) Did you get** After did, use the base verb.
4. **a) left** Ago always points to a finished time.
5. **b) didn't go** Last night is a finished time.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I saw him yesterday.** Yesterday is a finished time, so it needs the Past Simple.
2. **Did you go to the meeting?** After did, the verb goes back to its base form.
3. **I didn't know that.** Didn't already shows the past, so the verb stays in its base form.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.