

Chapter 4

We Went Camping Last Week



In this chapter, we will learn to:

- identify the simple past tense;
- use the simple past tense in conversation;
- talk about past events using the simple past tense;
- identify regular and irregular verbs;
- read and respond to texts relating to events that happened in the past;
- communicate ideas and experiences through simple and organised paragraphs.



The Simple Past Tense

We use simple past tense to tell about past activities.



Listen to the recording. Practise the dialogue.

Salma : Hi, Basyir. How was your vacation?

Basyir : It was great.

Salma : Where did you go?

Basyir : I went to Yogyakarta.

Salma : Wow! What did you see?

Basyir : I saw some temples.

Salma : Did you like them?

Basyir : I loved them, especially Prambanan Temple. It was fantastic.

Salma : What did you buy?

Basyir : I bought this for you in the market.

Salma : Gee! Thanks. It's cute.



Simple Present & Past Tense

Present	Past
1. The book is on the floor now.	1. The book was on the table this morning.
2. The children are in the park now	2. The children were at the beach yesterday.
3. I am sad now.	3. I was happy yesterday.

Regular Verbs

The past tense of regular verbs:

V + ed



Simple Present & Past Tense

Examples:

Affirmative (+)

1. He usually visits me on Saturday, but last week he **visited** me on Sunday.
2. The baby usually cries at midnight, but last night she **cried** at 1am.

Negatives (-)

1. Sarah always walks to school, but she **didn't walk** to school yesterday.
2. The children always play football in the afternoon, but they **didn't play** football this afternoon.



Simple Present & Past Tense

Questions (?)

1. **Did** Rick finish his job on time?
2. **Did** they study English yesterday?

Yes, he **did**.

No, they **didn't**.

They studied maths.

Tips:

- If the verb ends in a **consonant**, add **-ed**. e.g. visit–visited, work–worked
- If the verb ends in **-e**, add **-d**. e.g. decide–decided, arrive–arrived
- If the verb ends in **-y after a consonant**, change the **-y** to **-i** and add **-ed**. e.g. cry–cried, try–tried



Irregular Verbs

Some verbs cannot be added with **-ed** to make the past form. Those verbs are called **irregular verbs**. You should memorise them.

Here are some of them.

Present	Past
teach	taught
catch	caught
buy	bought
bring	brought
fight	fought



GOOD JOB!

