**The Simple Past**

(**Prosto prošlo vreme**)

**Form**

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| mozartWolfgang Amadeus Mozart **was** an Austrian musician and composer. He **lived** from 1756 to 1791. He **started** composing at the age of five years old and **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music. He **was** only 35 years old when he **died**.  The verbs "**was**, **lived**,**started**, **wrote**, **died**" are in the **simple past tense.**  Notice that:   * **lived**, **started**, **died** are regular past forms. * **was, wrote**are irregular past forms. |

**Regular verbs** (Pravilni glagoli):

The verbs "**lived, started, died**" are **regular** past forms. The rule is the following:

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| **Verb + (e)d** |

**Examples:**

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| **The infinitive** | **The simple past** |
| live | live**d** |
| start | start**ed** |
| die | di**ed** |
| visit | visit**ed** |
| play | play**ed** |
| watch | watch**ed** |
| phone | phon**ed** |
| marry | marri**ed** |

**Irregular verbs (Nepravilni glagoli)** –  2nd column, List of irregular verbs (2.kolona, Lista nepravilnih glagola)

The verbs "**was**, **wrote**" are **irregular** past forms. "Was" is the simple past of "to be"; "wrote" is the simple past of "write".

There is **no rule** for these verbs. You should learn them by heart.

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| **The infinitive** | **The simple past** |
| be | **was/were** |
| write | **wrote** |
| come | **came** |
| do | **did** |
| meet | **met** |
| speak | **spoke** |
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The forms of the simple past:

**Affirmative**

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| I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they | played |
| wrote |
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**Examples:**

* I **played** tennis with my friends yesterday.
* I **finished** lunch and I **did** my homework.

**Questions**

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| Did | I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they | play? |
| write? |
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**Examples:**

* **Did you play** basketball last weekend?
* **Did you do** your homework yesterday?

The **Negative** form of the simple past:

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| I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they | did not/didn't | play |
| write |
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* I **didn't like**the food served at the party last Saturday.
* I **didn't ea**t it.

**Use - Upotreba**

The **simple past** is used for  **events finished in the past/ finished past actions**.

**Prosto prošlo vreme** koristi se za **događaje završene u prošlosti / radnje završene u prošlosti**.

* William Shakespeare **wrote** *Hamlet*.
* Christopher Columbus **discovered** America in 1492.
* She **finished** her homework and **went** to the cinema**.**

Remember:

***didn't*** is the short form of ***did not***. You can say either:

* I ***did not* play** basketball, or
* I ***didn't* play** basketball.

Time expressions

yesterday – juče

five days ago, three months ago, etc. – pre pet dana, pre tri meseca, itd.

last week, last Saturday, last summer, etc. – prošle nedelje, prošle subote, prošlog leta , itd.