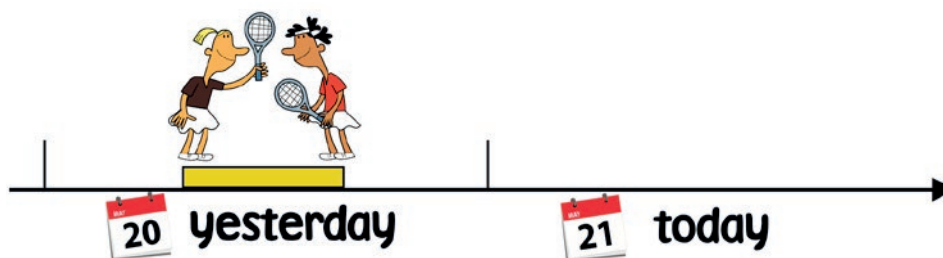




Use

- We use the **past simple** to talk about finished actions or states in the past.
- When we use the past simple, we often say when the action happened, e.g. *last winter, in 1999, ten minutes ago.*

We **played** tennis yesterday afternoon.



Form

- We add **-ed** to form the **past simple positive** of most regular verbs.
The form of the past simple is the same for every subject (*I, you, he, etc.*).

Regular verbs		
I	played	football.
You		
He / she / it		
We		
You		
They		

Spelling rules: regular verbs		
Most verbs	+ -ed	play → played
Ends in -e	+ -d	live → lived
Ends in a consonant + -y	change -y to -ied	study → studied
Ends in vowel + consonant (except w and y)	double the consonant and + -ed	stop → stopped

- With irregular verbs, we do not add **-ed** for the past simple. Here are some examples:

Irregular verbs			
come → came	do → did	eat → ate	get → got
go → went	have → had	leave → left	make → made
meet → met	see → saw	sell → sold	write → wrote

Tip

This is how we pronounce the ending **-ed**:

/t/ in words that end in the sound /p/, /f/, /s/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /k/.

stopped (/stɒpt/)

worked (/wɜ:k/)

/d/ in words that end in all other sounds (except /d/ or /t/).

played (/pleɪd/)

lived (/lɪvd/)

/ɪd/ in words that end in the sound /t/ or /d/.

started (/stɑ:tɪd/)

ended (/endɪd/)