

Chapter 7-4

Simple Past Tense 一般過去時

Additional Notes

1. Simple Past Tense: Structure ●

1) Positive Sentences

Structure: **Subject** + **Past Tense** [過去式] **Verb**

Examples:

- I **visited** London.
- She **arrived** yesterday.
- They **watched** a movie.
- He **went** home.
- We **saw** the new teacher.

2) Negative Sentences

Structure: **Subject** + **did not (didn't)** + **Base Verb** (請特別留意!)

Examples:

- I **didn't visit** London.
- She **didn't arrive** yesterday.
- They **didn't watch** a movie.
- He **didn't go** home.
- We **didn't see** the teacher.

Notice:

- ✓ She didn't go.
- ✗ She didn't went.

- ✓ They didn't see the movie.
- ✗ They didn't saw the movie.

3) Question Sentences

Structure: **Did** + **Subject** + **Base Verb** + ?

Examples:

- **Did** you **visit** London?
- **Did** she **arrive** yesterday?
- **Did** they **watch** the movie?
- **Did** he **go** home?
- **Did** you **see** the teacher?
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Notice:

- ✓ **Did** she go?

- ✗ **Did** she went?

✓ Did you see it?

✗ Did you saw it?

4) Common Mistakes

Incorrect:

✗ She didn't went to school.

Correct:

✓ She didn't go to school.

Incorrect:

✗ Did you saw the movie?

Correct:

✓ Did you see the movie?

Incorrect:

✗ He didn't ate breakfast.

Correct:

✓ He didn't eat breakfast.

Incorrect:

✗ Did they finished the project?

Correct:

✓ Did they finish the project?

2. Simple Past Tense: Adverbs of Time ●

The **Simple Past Tense** is usually used with a **finished time in the past** [過去已完成(事項)的時間點].

Common Adverbs of Time

- yesterday
- yesterday morning
- last night [昨晚]
- last week [上週]
- last month [上個月]
- last year [去年]
- two days ago [兩天前]
- three weeks ago
- an hour ago
- in 2020
- on Monday

Sentences:

- I finished my homework **yesterday**.
 - They played football **last week**.
 - He called me **an hour ago**.
 - They visited Beijing **in 2020**.
 - I saw my teacher **on Monday**.
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Position of Adverbs of Time

Most adverbs of time come **at the end of the sentence**.

Structure: **Subject** + **Past Tense Verb** + **Adverb of Time**

Examples:

- I **finished** my homework **yesterday**.
 - She **arrived** **last night**.
 - They **moved** here **two years ago**.
 - We **visited** Beijing **in 2020**.
 - He **called** me **this morning**.
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Note

- yesterday = the day before today
- ago = a period of time before now
- last = the previous week/month/year/night, etc.
- in + year = a specific year [某個特定年份]
- on + day = a specific day [某個特定日子]

Examples:

- She moved here **last year**.
 - We visited Japan **in 2020**.
 - I saw him **two days ago**.
 - They arrived **on Monday**.
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Past Simple vs Present Perfect

✓ I visited Japan **last year**.

✗ I have visited Japan **last year**.

✓ She arrived **yesterday**.

✗ She has arrived **yesterday**.

Rule: If a sentence contains a **specific finished time** (yesterday, last week, in 2020, two days ago, etc.), use the **Past Simple Tense**, not the **Present Perfect Tense**.

若句中出现「表示過去特定且已結束時段」的時間詞（例如 yesterday、last week、in 2020、two days ago 等），應使用 Past Simple Tense，而不是 Present Perfect Tense。