

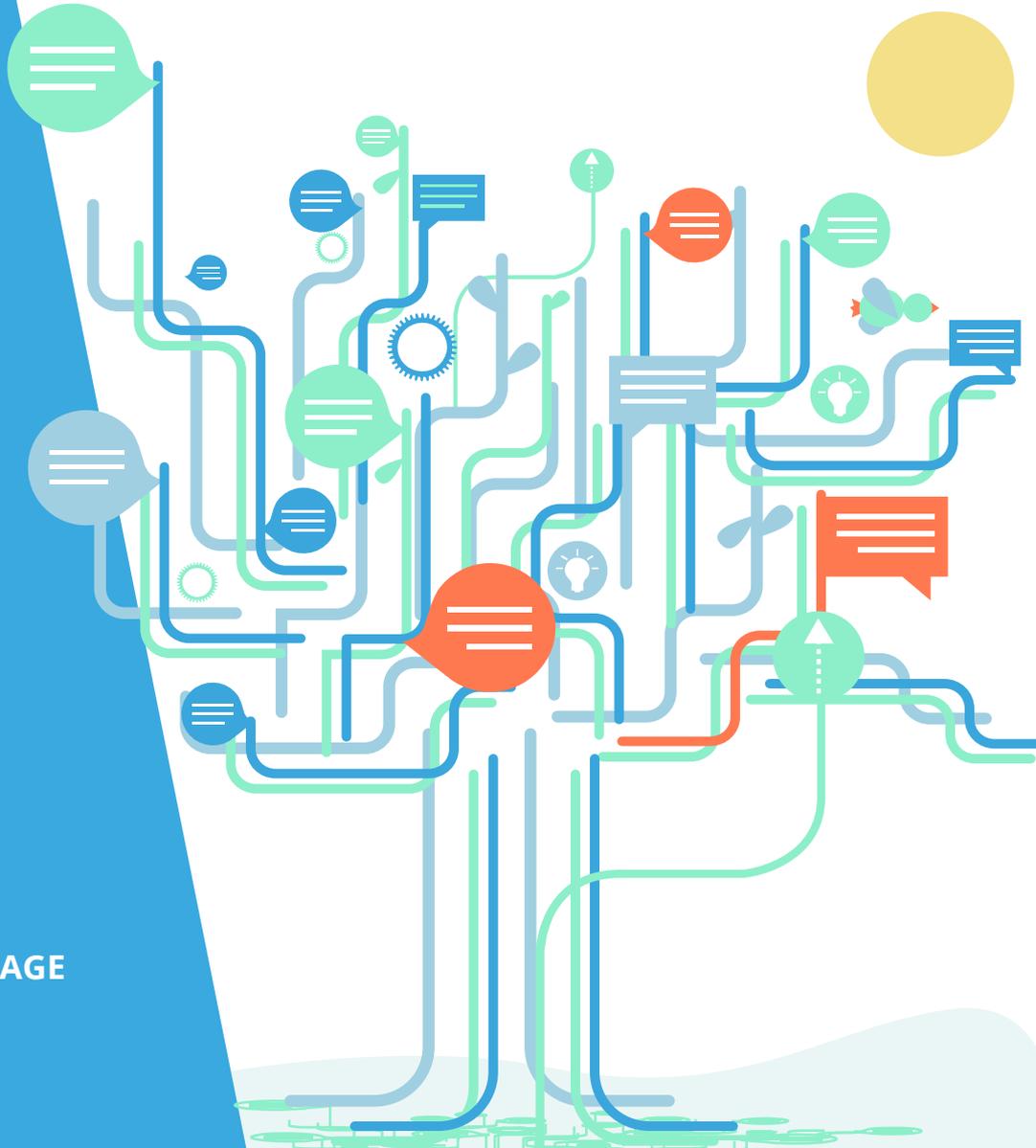
The past simple: Regular verbs

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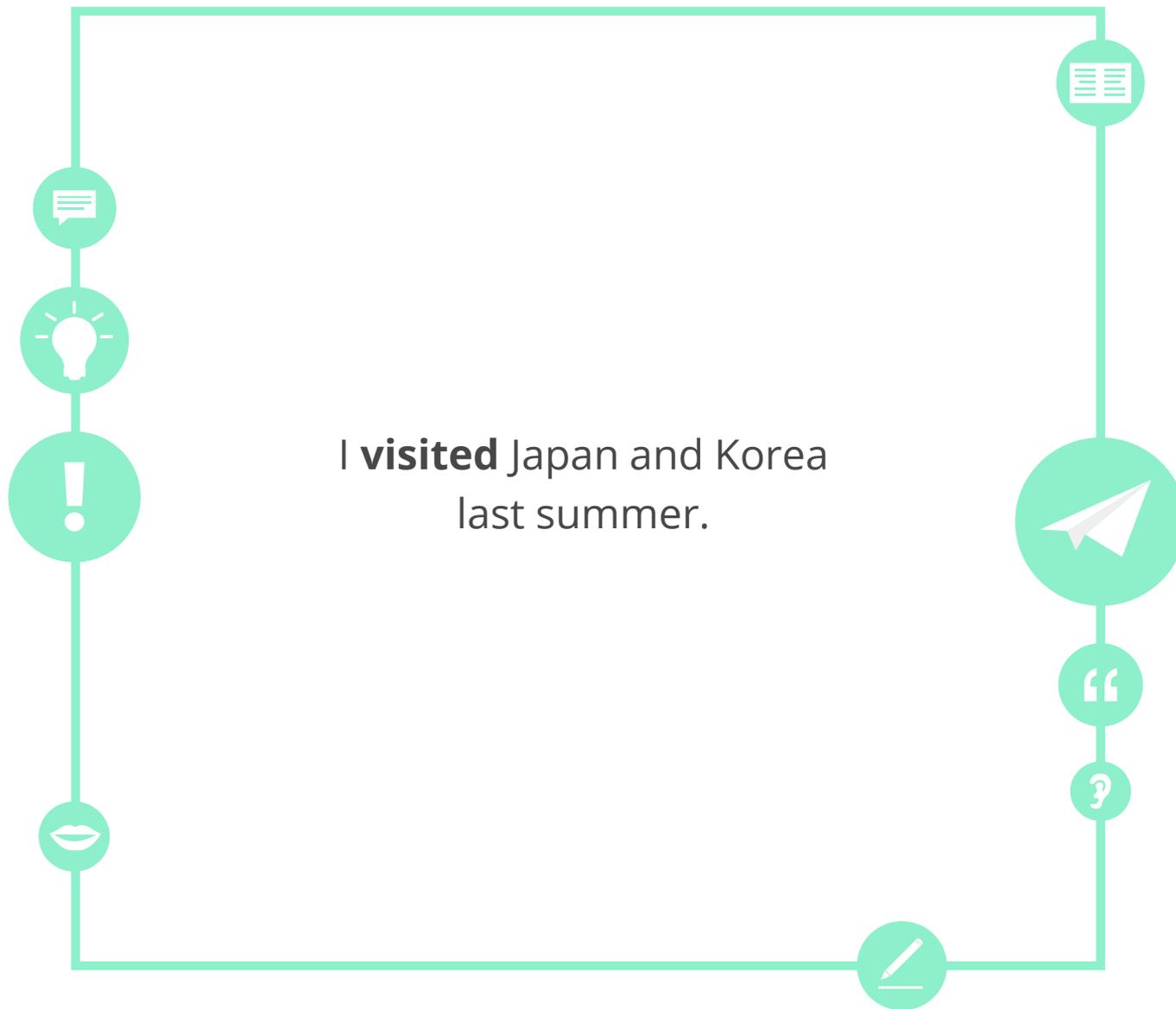




Goals

- Can form the past simple of some common regular verb and their corresponding negative forms.
- Can form the past simple of the irregular verbs 'to go' and 'to do'.







The past simple

- Use **the past simple** to talk about **finished actions** in the **past**.
- Add **-ed** to the **infinitive** of **regular verbs** to form the past simple.

infinitive	past simple
visit	visited
walk	walked
stay	stayed
enjoy	enjoyed
relax	relaxed



Verbs ending in *y*



Add **-ied** to **some verbs ending in *y*** to form the past simple.

infinitive		past simple
carry	→	carried
study	→	studied
try	→	tried
cry	→	cried
hurry	→	hurried



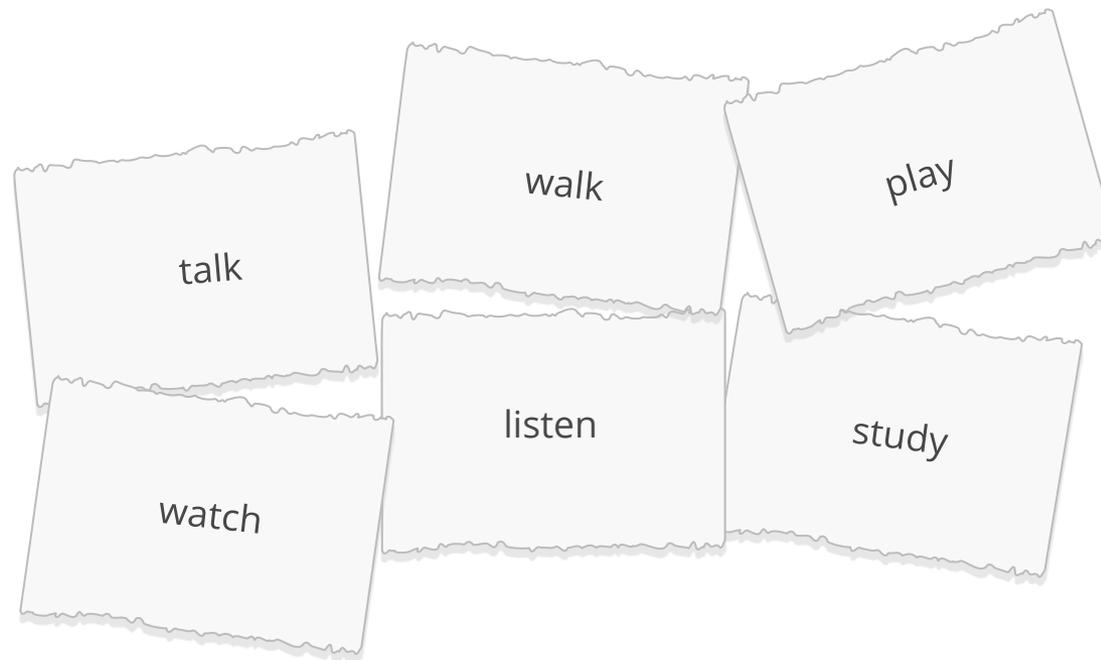
Subject matters

Regular verbs in **the past simple** are the **same** for all subjects.

present simple	past simple
I play basketball on Saturdays.	I played basketball last Saturday.
You watch TV at home.	You watched TV at home last night.
He visits his grandparents.	He visited his grandparents last weekend.
She listens to music.	She listened to music yesterday.
We stay in a hotel.	We stayed in a hotel last summer.
They study at university together.	They studied at university together in 2010.



Practise pronouncing the past simple of these verbs





Complete the sentences with a regular past simple verb

1. I _____ to work this morning.
2. We _____ TV last night.
3. He _____ South America last summer.
4. We _____ engineering at university.
5. We _____ about it at the meeting.





Past time phrases

- Use **past time phrases** to say **when** you did something.
- Past time phrases usually go at the **end** of a sentence.

past simple sentence	Past time phrase
I visited Amsterdam	last year.
I played tennis	yesterday.
We watched that movie	a few days ago.



Choose the correct option

1. I watched TV _____ night.

a. last

b. yesterday

c. now

d. ago

2. I _____ the Philippines last summer.

a. vacation

b. go

c. visited

d. visit

3. They _____ dinner for us last night.

a. cooks

b. cook

c. cooked

d. make

4. We _____ our vacation!

a. enjoys

b. enjoyed

c. enjoyed

d. go



Put the sentences in the past simple and add a time phrase

1. I cook dinner.

→ I **cooked** dinner **yesterday**.

2. We play basketball.

→ _____

3. She visits her
grandparents.

→ _____

4. They study for the test.

→ _____



Talk to a classmate about what you've done this week

last night

yesterday

ate

watched

visited

stayed

enjoyed

played

studied

ago



To do in the past simple



There are many English verbs which are irregular in the past simple. One of the most important irregular English verbs is the verb **to do**. Here is the verb **to do** conjugated in the **past simple**.

I	did
you	did
he, she, it	did
we	did
they	did

Just like the regular verbs in the past simple, it has the same conjugation for each subject pronoun.



Negating in the past simple



The verb **to do** is important because we use it to form the past simple negative.

To construct the past simple negative we first need to contract:

- Conjugate the verb **to do** in the past simple
- Negate it by adding the word **not**
- Contract it from **did not** to **didn't**

I did not	→	I didn't
you did not	→	you didn't
he, she, it did not	→	he, she, it didn't
we did not	→	we didn't
they did not	→	they didn't



Negating in the past simple

After the conjugated form of **didn't** we simply put **the infinitive** of the verb that we want to negate.

This doesn't change the word order of the rest of the sentence.

- I **watched** a lot of television last night

- I **walked** home from school yesterday.

- I **played** football last weekend.

- I **didn't watch** a lot of television last night.

- I **didn't walk** home from school yesterday.

- I **didn't play** football last weekend.



Read the sentences



I **walked** up the stairs.

I **didn't walk** up the stairs.



She **answered** the phone.

She **didn't answer** the phone.





Important irregular verbs

Another one of the most important irregular English verbs is the verb **to go**. Here is the verb **to go** conjugated in the **past simple**.

I	went
you	went
he, she, it	went
we	went
they	went



Read the sentences



I **went** on holiday last month.

I **didn't go** on holiday last month.



She **went** to the cinema yesterday evening.

She **didn't go** to the cinema yesterday evening.





The past simple negative forms

Observe the table below to see how positive and negative statements are formed in the past simple.

positive	negative
I went to Italy last year.	I didn't go to Italy last year.
You stayed in a hotel.	You didn't stay in a hotel.
He needed a break.	He didn't need a break.
We sailed at the local sailing club.	We didn't sail at the local sailing club.
They loved the beach.	They didn't love the beach.



Negate these sentences

1. I went on holiday last summer.



2. I walked all day today.



3. He listened to music in his room last night.



4. We visited our grandparents last week.



5. They relaxed in the garden yesterday.





Describe what happened...

- Describe what happened in the following slides.



Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



He carried...

He didn't go...



Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



She worked...

*He didn't
remember...*



Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



She talked...

He didn't...



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no



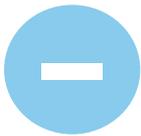


Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key (1/2)

Exercise p. 11

Present: now, at the moment, today

Past: yesterday afternoon, last night, a few months ago, last week, last year

Exercise p. 9

-ed: washed, worked, watched, played
-ied: tried, studied, cried, carried

Exercise p. 8

1. walked, 2. watched, 3. visited, 4. studied, 5. talked

Exercise p. 7

talked, walked, played, watched, listened, studied



Answer key (2/2)

Exercise p. 12

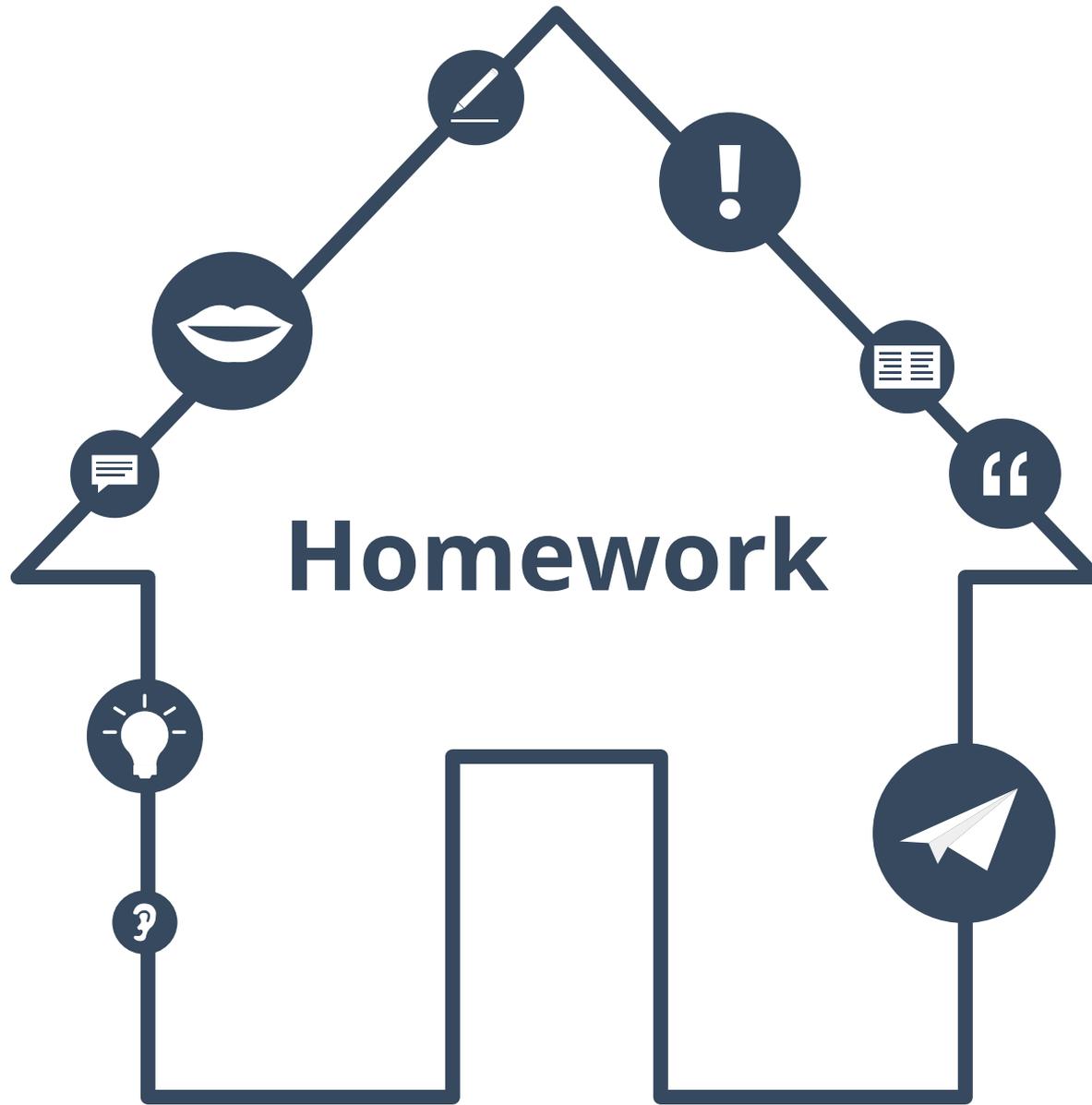
1a, 2c, 3c, 4b

Exercise p. 14

2. We played basketball, 3. She visited her grandparents, 4. They studied for the test.

Exercise p. 20

1. I didn't go, 2. I didn't walk, 3. He didn't listen, 4. We didn't visit, 5. They didn't relax.





Complete the table

walk	_____
_____	watched
play	_____
_____	listened
visit	_____
cook	_____
study	_____
stay	_____
enjoy	_____





Write the verb in the past simple

to stay	_____
to visit	_____
to watch	_____
to do	_____
to walk	_____
to carry	_____
to go	_____
to answer	_____
to look	_____





Transform the sentences to the past simple

1. I go to the cinema (negative)

→ I **didn't go** to the cinema.

2. She likes chocolate. (positive)

→ _____

3. They go to Greece. (negative)

→ _____

4. He visits his girlfriend.
(positive)

→ _____

5. We do our homework.
(positive)

→ _____

6. We do our homework.
(negative)

→ _____

7. I call my friend. (positive)

→ _____

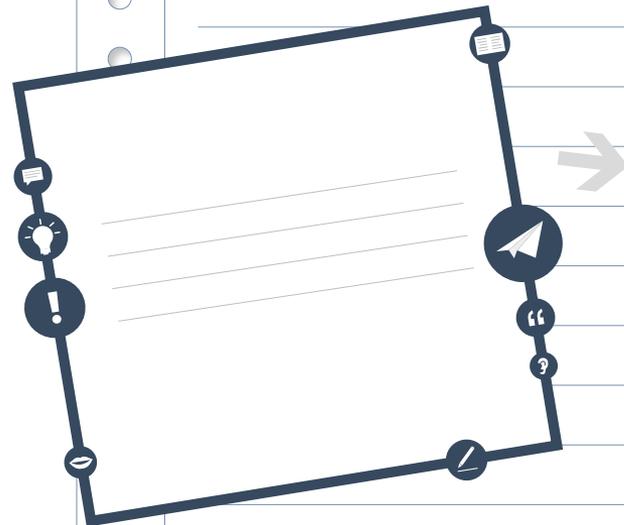
8. You walk to work. (negative)

→ _____



Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

Verbs



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**





Examples:





I don't understand



→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.



He has a book



→ We have a book





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Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 34
2. liked, 3. didn't go, 4. visited, 5. did, 6. didn't do, 7. called, 8. didn't walk

Exercise p. 33
stayed, visited, watched, did, walked, carried, went, answered, looked

Exercise p. 32
walked, watch, played, listen, visited, cooked, studied, stayed, enjoyed

