

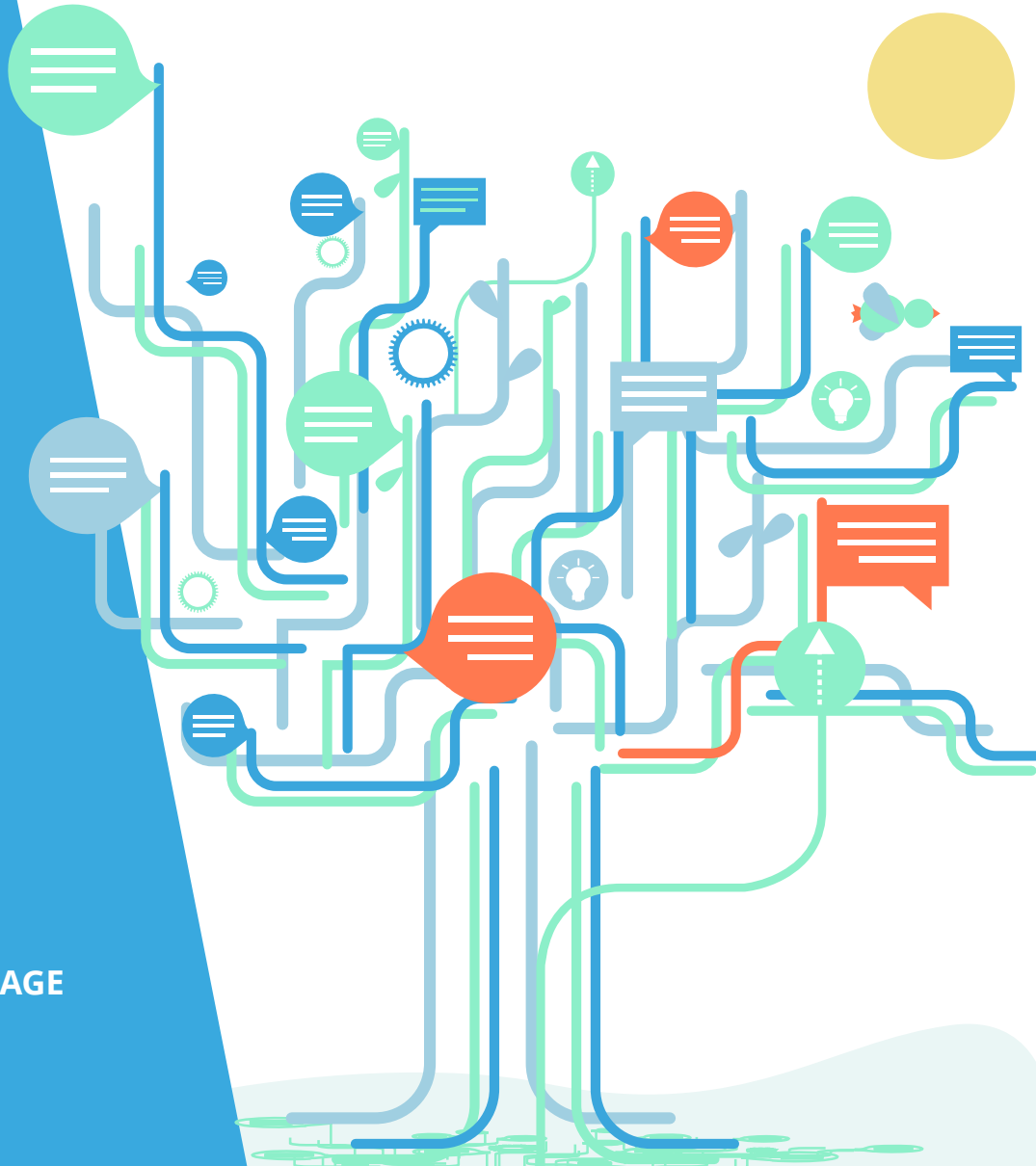
# The past simple: common irregular verbs

GRAMMAR

LEVEL  
Beginner

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LANGUAGE  
English





## Goals

- Can correctly form the past simple of some common irregular verbs.
- Can use the past simple to talk about past situations and experiences





We **gave** each other lots of gifts when we **celebrated** Christmas.



## Review of the past simple

- The past simple for many verbs is simple – just add **-ed** to the verb.
- Sometimes, the final consonant of the verb is doubled.

Present Simple	Past Simple
play	played
walk	walked
travel	travell <b>ed</b>
stop	stop <b>ped</b>



## Review of the past simple

We use the past simple to talk about things that happened in the past and are over.

Present Continuous	Past Simple
Today I am walking to the store.	Yesterday I <b>walked</b> to the store.
I am studying English.	When I was a child, I <b>studied</b> English.



## Match the picture to the sentence

1. They celebrated together.

2. They smiled.

3. She walked the dog.

4. They talked at the office.



A



B



C



D



## Form the past simple

I travel

we listen

he plays

she walks



## Complete the sentences

1. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve with my family.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain for the holiday season.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ with me about the book.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ because we were happy.

**celebrated**

**smiled**

**talked**

**travelled**







## Common irregular verbs



Some verbs are irregular in the past simple and have a different form.

have	→	<b>had</b>
give	→	<b>gave</b>
take	→	<b>took</b>
eat	→	<b>ate</b>
run	→	<b>ran</b>
do	→	<b>did</b>



## Common irregular verbs

How do you know if a verb is irregular? There are not many rules – you just have to learn them. Many verbs for the **senses** and **simple actions** are irregular.

Verb	Past Simple
see	saw
do	did
think	thought
give	gave
have	had



## Common irregular verbs

Make sure you know the correct pronunciation of each verb in the past simple.

Verb	Past Simple
say	said
make	made
go	went
come	came
find	found



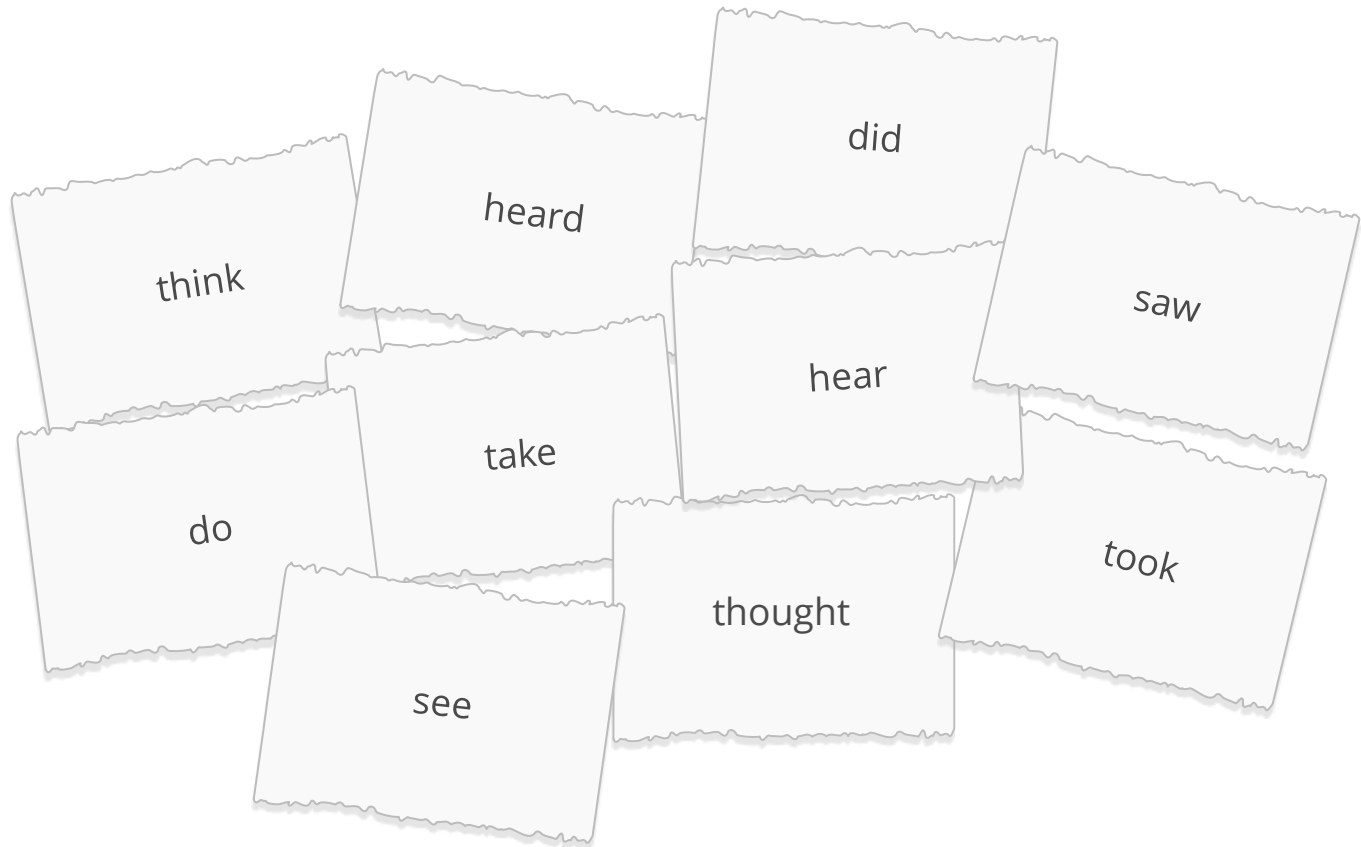
## Common irregular verbs

Make sure you know the correct pronunciation of each verb in the past simple.

Verb	Past Simple
know	knew
take	took
bring	brought
leave	left
hear	heard



## Match each verb to the past simple form





## Say the past simple form

read

do

have

take



## Put the verb in the correct list

regular verb

irregular verb

talk

listen

read

run

travel

see

eat

go



## Using the past simple

Use each verb to form a sentence in the past simple



go

come

find

give

say

do

make

think

take





## Describe each picture using the past simple

Use verbs in the past simple to say what happened in each situation.





## Write each sentence using the past simple

1. We are running and walking.



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2. She sees her friend.



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3. He eats a pizza.



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## Write each sentence using the past simple

1. You read a book today.



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2. He does a lot of work.



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3. She gives me her number.



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## Write each sentence using the past simple

1. I know the answer.



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2. John runs to the store.



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3. The aeroplane is flying over  
the sea



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## Story time

Use these 9 irregular verbs to make a story in the past simple about the photo.



bring

say

have

go

give

hear

think

run

eat



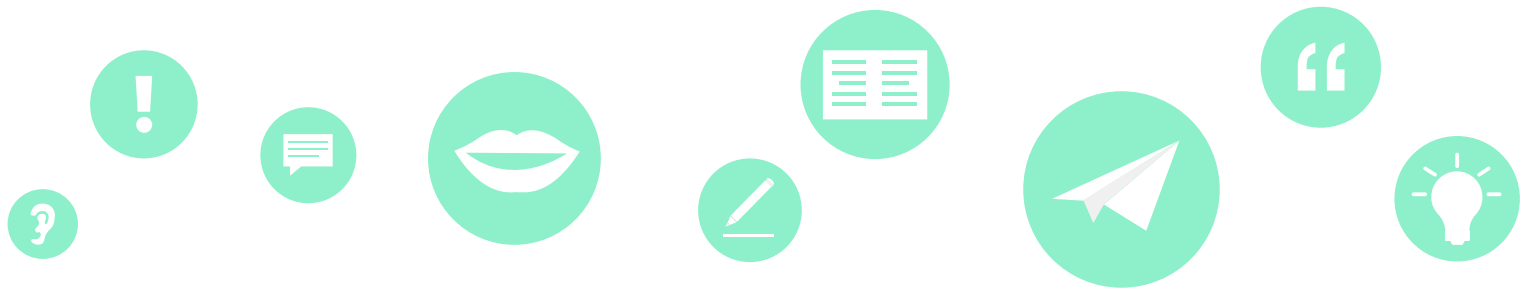
## Reflect on the goals

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

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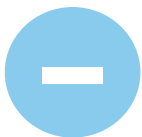
no



## 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

**Exercise p. 6**  
1. A 2. B 3. D 4. C

**Exercise p. 7**  
I travelled, we listened, he played, she walked

**Exercise p. 8**

1. celebrated
2. travelled
3. talked
4. smiled

**Exercise p. 13**  
think/though; hear/heard; take/took;  
see/saw; do/did

**Exercise p. 14**  
read/read; have/had; do/did; take/took

**Exercise p. 15**

**regular verbs:** talk, listen, travel

**irregular verbs:** read, run, see, eat, go

**Exercise p. 18**

1. We ran and walked.
2. She saw her friend.
3. He ate a pizza.

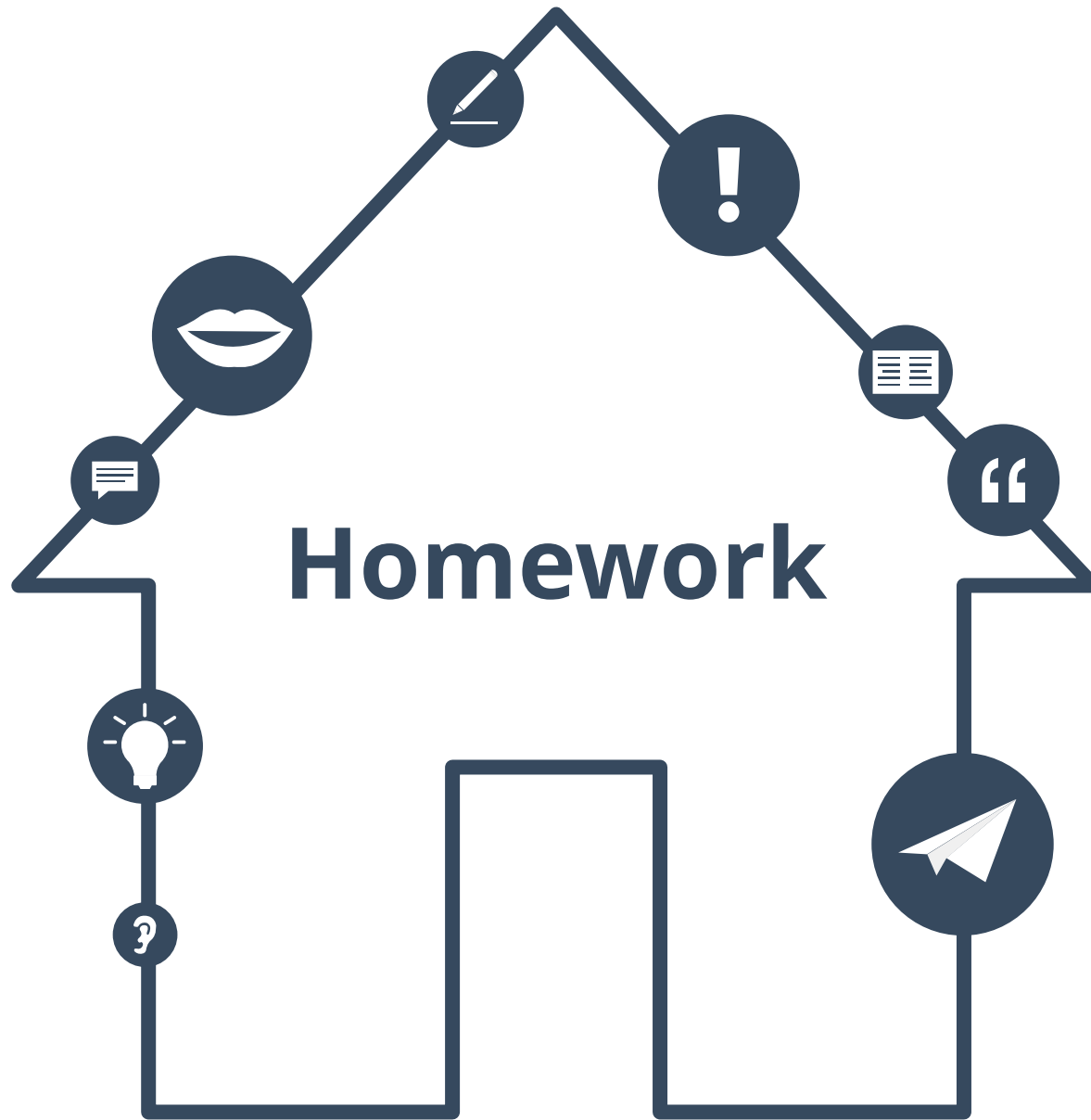
**Exercise p. 19**

1. You read a book today.
2. He did a lot of work.
3. She gave me her number.

**Exercise p. 20**

1. I knew the answer.
2. John ran to the store.
3. The aeroplane flew over the sea.







## Complete the table

Present Simple	Present Continuous	Past Simple
they give	they are giving	_____
they talk	_____	they talked
I read	_____	they read
I do	I am doing	_____
he gets	he is getting	_____
_____	_____	he ran
I hear	I am hearing	_____
she sees	she is seeing	_____





## Word search

Find the past simple of the verbs

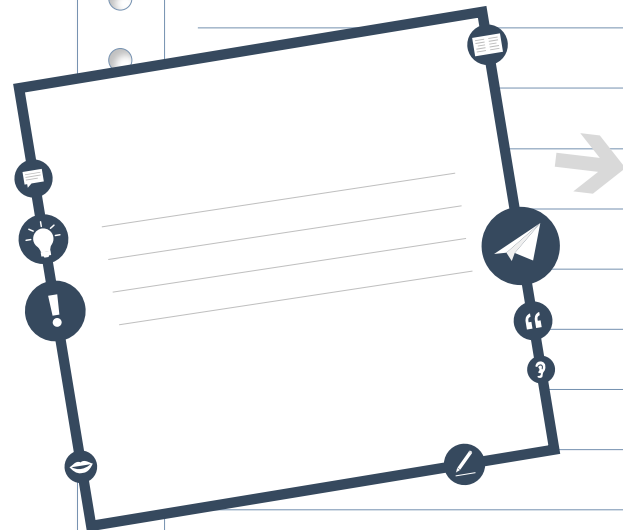
1. do
2. read
3. give
4. think
5. see
6. travel
7. eat
8. talk

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R	V	R	F	E	F	H	S	S
E	T	A	L	K	E	D	J	A
V	R	M	H	I	H	R	G	W
E	A	Y	F	T	O	H	F	P
L	V	E	O	H	X	R	P	Y
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O	D	F	R	T	B	D	I	D
G	A	V	E	C	X	B	J	S



## 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

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## Sentences in the first person plural

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



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Examples:

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I don't understand

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→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.

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He has a book

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→ 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

(in order)  
they gave  
they are talking  
I am reading  
I did  
he gave  
he runs, he is running  
I heard  
she saw





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