



# **Al-Mustaqbal University College**

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**College of education, English department**  
**4th stage lecture 5**

## **Present Simple vs. Past Simple**

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# **Present & Past Simple**

## **\_General Objective:**

- To help students understand the form, usage, and differences between the Present Simple and Past Simple tenses, and apply them correctly in spoken and written contexts.

## **Behavioral Objectives**

**By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:**

1. Identify sentences in Present Simple and Past Simple.
2. Form correct Present Simple and Past Simple sentences (affirmative, negative, interrogative).

## **Medium Objective:**

- To integrate grammar knowledge into everyday communication, enabling learners to narrate daily routines (Present Simple) and past events (Past Simple).

\_Warm-up  
Quick question

*1-What do you usually do every morning before coming to class?"*

*2-What did you do yesterday morning?"*

## Present Simple Form & Usage

- **Form:** subject + base verb (+s/es for he/she/it).
- **Uses:** routines, facts, general truths.
- **Example:** “The Earth revolves<sup>s</sup> around the Sun.”
- **Example:** “She plays<sup>s</sup> tennis every Sunday.”

## **Present Simple – Exercises**

### **A. Fill in the blanks**

**1. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football every Friday.**

**2. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) in the east.**

**3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English at this university.**

## Past Simple Tense:

### 1. Form (Structure)

#### a) Affirmative (Positive)

**Subject + Past form of the verb + Object**

•Regular verbs: add -ed → *play* → *played*, *visit* → *visited*

•Irregular verbs: change form → *go* → *went*, *eat* → *ate*

**Examples:**

- I watched a movie yesterday.
- She went to the market last Friday.

## b) Negative:

**Subject + did not (didn't) + base verb**

•Note: After *did not*, the verb stays in the **base form**.

Examples:

- I did not (didn't) watch TV last night.
- They didn't play football yesterday.

### **c) Interrogative (Questions)**

**Did + Subject + base verb + Object?**

Examples:

- Did you go to school yesterday?
- Did she finish her homework?

## Since

since + specific point in time نقطة زمنية محددة من الماضي

since 4:00 o'clock

since January

since Saturday

since 2020

since last (Sunday, week, yea...)

5 years

## for

for + period of time فتره زمنية محسوبة 🕒

for 30 minutes

for 3 months

for 20 years

for 2 days  
for

- (For ، منذ since لمدة)

- 1. I have been waiting here\_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours (since, for, ).

- 2. I have been waiting here \_\_\_. 1 o'clock (for, since,).

- 3. I have lived in Baghdad \_\_\_\_\_5 years (for, since).

- 4. I have lived in Baghdad\_\_\_\_\_. 1920 (for, since).

## **2. Uses of the Past Simple:**

### **1. Completed actions in the past (finished at a specific time).**

1. I visited Paris in 2019.
2. They watched a movie last night.

### **2. Series of completed actions in the past.**

1. He entered the room, sat down, and opened his book.

### **3. Duration in the past (no longer true now).**

1. I lived in Baghdad for 5 years. (but not anymore)

### **4. Habits in the past (repeated actions).**

1. She always helped her classmates when she was young.

### **5. Past facts or general truths.**

1. People believed the earth was flat.

### 3. Time Expressions Common with Past Simple

- yesterday
- last night / last week / last year
- two days ago / a month ago
- in 2010 / in the past
- when I was a child

#### **Example:**

- I finished my homework two hours ago.
- They traveled to London last year.

## Comparison Table: Present Simple vs. Past Simple

Aspect	Present Simple	Past Simple
<b>Form (Affirmative)</b>	Subject + base verb (+ s/es for he/she/it) <i>She plays tennis.</i>	Subject + past verb (regular -ed / irregular form) <i>She played tennis.</i>
<b>Form (Negative)</b>	Subject + <b>do/does not</b> + base verb <i>She does not (doesn't) play tennis.</i>	Subject + <b>did not</b> + base verb <i>She did not (didn't) play tennis.</i>
<b>Form (Question)</b>	<b>Do/Does + subject + base verb?</b> <i>Does she play tennis?</i>	<b>Did + subject + base verb?</b> <i>Did she play tennis?</i>
<b>Usage 1</b>	Daily routines, habits, repeated actions. <i>I go to school every day.</i>	Completed actions in the past at a specific time. <i>I went to school yesterday.</i>
<b>Usage 2</b>	Facts and general truths. <i>The sun rises in the east.</i>	Series of completed actions in the past. <i>He entered, sat down, and started reading.</i>
<b>Usage 3</b>	Timetables and schedules. <i>The train leaves at 7:30.</i>	Past habits (no longer true). <i>She always helped her friends at school.</i>
<b>Time Expressions</b>	every day, always, often, usually, sometimes, never	yesterday, last night, two days ago, in 2010, when I was a child

## Practice

### A) Choose the correct tense:

1. I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (walk / walked) to school, but yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (take / took) the bus.

2. She always \_\_\_\_\_ (eat / eats) breakfast, but this morning she \_\_\_\_\_ (skip / skipped) it.

## Challenge Activity – Story Mix

**Complete this short story using the correct tense (Present or Past Simple):**

Every morning, Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up at 7:00 and \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) breakfast. Yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up late and \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus. Normally, she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at the library in the afternoon, but yesterday she \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) home and \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie instead.

## Lesson Disclosure – Present & Past Simple:

- Today, we learned about the **Present Simple** and **Past Simple** tenses.
- Present Simple describes **routines, habits, and general truths**.
- Past Simple talks about **completed actions and past events**.
- We practiced **affirmative, negative, and question forms** with exercises.
- Using these tenses correctly helps you **communicate clearly and accurately**.

**Thank You**