

11A A new life in the

G simple past: regular verbs **V** regular verbs **P** regular simple past endings

Did you decide to go to the US?

Yes, we did. We wanted to live abroad.

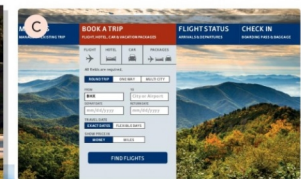
1 GRAMMAR simple past: regular verbs

a 11.1 Read and listen to Dominic. Choose a or b.

- Dominic and his wife wanted to live _____.
☐ a in another country ☐ b in another place in their country
- Duke University offered _____ a job in the US.
☐ a Dominic ☐ b Miriam
- In the beginning, they _____ sure if they wanted to go.
☐ a were ☐ b weren't

b 11.2 Listen and match the sentences to photos A–F.

- ☐ We **rented** a house near the university.
- ☐ We **booked** our flights. It was a long trip!
- ☐ We **invited** our friends to a restaurant to say goodbye.
- ☐ We **packed** seven heavy suitcases.
- ☐ The children **didn't want** to sleep on the plane. Sacha **played** with toys and Elena **looked** at books.
- ☐ When we **arrived** in North Carolina, we were very tired!



- c Look at the **highlighted** verbs in sentences 1–6 and complete the chart. What letters do you add to the verb to make the affirmative ☐ past form? How do you make the negative ☐?

simple past: regular verbs	
present	past
we book	We <input type="text"/> our flights.
we arrive	We <input type="text"/> in North Carolina.
they don't want	They <input type="text"/> want to sleep.

- e In pairs, ask and answer questions with *Did...?* about the story in a and b. Answer *Yes, he / she / it / they did.* **OR** *No, he / she / it / they didn't.*

- / Dominic and Miriam want to live abroad?
- / Duke University offer Dominic a job?
- / they invite their friends to their house?
- / the children want to sleep on the plane?
- / Sacha play with toys on the plane?
- / Elena play with Sacha?

Did Dominic and Miriam want to live abroad?

(Yes, they did.)



We followed our dream



My wife and I always wanted to live abroad. But Miriam and I both work in the UK – she's a doctor and I'm a designer – and we have two small children, Sacha and Elena. Then an American university, Duke, in Durham, North Carolina, asked Miriam to go and work there for a year. At first, we weren't sure what to do. There were so many questions. What about Sacha's school? What do we do with our house? But finally, we decided to go!

2 PRONUNCIATION regular simple past endings


- a **11.4** Listen and repeat the sounds and sentences.

	dog	We arrived in North Carolina. Sacha played with toys.
	tie	We booked our flights. Elena looked at books. We packed seven heavy suitcases.
/ɪd/		We rented a house near the university. We invited our friends to a restaurant.

- b **11.5** Listen and repeat the sentences in 1b.
- c Cover the sentences. Look at photo A and say the sentence. Do the same for photos B–F.

3 SPEAKING

- a Work with a partner.

A Make ☐ or ☐ true sentences about you in the phrases below. Add more information. 

B Check (✓) the things your partner did and cross out (X) the things he or she didn't do.

this morning	listen to the radio	<input type="checkbox"/>
	walk to work / school	<input type="checkbox"/>
	arrive late at work / school	<input type="checkbox"/>
last night	call a friend	<input type="checkbox"/>
	watch TV	<input type="checkbox"/>
	study English	<input type="checkbox"/>
last weekend	play a sport or a game	<input type="checkbox"/>
	cook lunch or dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>
	help in the house	<input type="checkbox"/>

(I listened to the radio this morning in the car.)

(I didn't walk to work.)

- b Change roles.
- c Work with a new partner. Ask and answer about his or her old partner.

Did Anna listen to the radio this morning?

(Yes, she did. She listened to it in the car.)

Did she walk to work? *(No, she didn't.)*

4 READING & LISTENING

- a **11.6** Read and listen to part of Dominic's blog about their life in the US. What did they like about the US? What was a problem for them?



We want to go back to _____!

At first living in the US was very difficult. We missed our friends and family and we didn't like the food. It was difficult to find good chocolate. We also needed to rent a car. In London, we don't drive, but in Durham, not many people walk or use public transportation!

But we soon started to enjoy it. Our house was nice, and near a big park. Sacha liked his school, especially his music teacher, who played the trumpet! He worked hard and his teachers were very happy with him.

- b **11.7** Listen to the rest of the blog. Complete the title in a with the UK or the US.



- c Listen again and correct the information. 

- Miriam wasn't very happy at work.
- Dominic worked in an office.
- Life in the US was very expensive.
- The children learned to play tennis.
- The people in Durham weren't very friendly.
- The National Parks were similar to English parks.
- At the blueberry farm they listened to classical music.
- They stayed in Durham for two years.
- They returned to England because they missed their life there.
- Do you know anyone who lived or studied in another country? Where were they? Was it a good experience?

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN 11A

p.132 Listen and repeat the words and phrases.

11A simple past: regular verbs

11.13 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

+	-	?	✓	✗
I arrived at the airport at 7:00. You finished the book. He wanted a coffee. She liked the movie. It rained yesterday. We studied Spanish at school. They stopped at a café.	I didn't arrive at the airport at 7:00. You didn't finish the book. He didn't want a coffee. She didn't like the movie. It didn't rain yesterday. We didn't study Spanish at school. They didn't stop at a café.	Did you watch TV yesterday? Did he walk to work? Did they play tennis?	Yes, I did . Yes, she did . Yes, they did .	No, I didn't . No, she didn't . No, they didn't .

- We use the simple past to talk about the past.
- The simple past is the same for all persons, e.g., *I arrived, he arrived, they arrived*, etc.
- We use *did* (not *do* / *does*) to make questions and negatives in the simple past.

- ☐ = I *didn't arrive* at the airport. **NOT** *I didn't arrived*
- ❓ = Did you watch TV...? **NOT** *Did you watched*

Spelling rules for regular verbs

work	worked	verb + -ed
finish	finished	
live	lived	verb ending in e + -d
change	changed	
cry	cried	verbs with final consonant + y = y + -ied
study	studied	
stop	stopped	verbs that end consonant-vowel-consonant
prefer	preferred	double final consonant + -ed

11B simple past irregular verbs: get, go, have, do

11.13 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

+	-
I got up late yesterday. He went to work by car. She had eggs for breakfast. We did yoga yesterday. They did their homework last night.	I didn't get up late yesterday. He didn't go to work by car. She didn't have eggs for breakfast. We didn't do yoga yesterday. They didn't do their homework last night.

?	✓	✗	?	✓
Did you get up late yesterday?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .	What time did you get up ?	At eight o'clock.
Did he go to work by car yesterday?	Yes, he did .	No, he didn't .	Where did you go on Saturday?	We went to the beach.
Did they do their homework last night?	Yes, they did .	No, they didn't .	Where did you have lunch?	At school.
			What did you do last night?	We had dinner with friends.

- get, go, have, and do* are irregular verbs in the past tense.
- Present to past**

☐
I **get up** early. → I **got up** early.
I **go** to school. → I **went** to school.
I **have** breakfast. → I **had** breakfast.
I **do** my homework. → I **did** my homework.

☐
I **don't get up** early. → I **didn't get up** early.
I **don't go** to school. → I **didn't go** to school.
NOT *I didn't got up early. / I didn't went to school. etc.*

❓
Do you **have** breakfast? → Did you **have** breakfast?
Do you **do** your homework? → Did you **do** your homework?
NOT *Did you had breakfast? / Did you did your homework? etc.*

- Remember word order in questions:
auxiliary, subject, base form of verb: *Did you get up early?*
question word, auxiliary, subject, base form of verb:
What time did you get up?

❓ *did / didn't*

We use *did / didn't* to make questions and negatives in the past, e.g.,

Did you go to class?

I didn't have breakfast this morning.

Here, *did / didn't* = an auxiliary verb.

But *did* can also be a normal verb, e.g., *I did my homework on the weekend.*

a Write the sentences in the simple past.

- He watches a lot of TV. *He watched a lot of TV.*
- They work in a bank.
 - He finishes work late.
 - We live in Brazil.
 - I carry a big bag.
 - She walks to work.
 - The train stops in Chicago.
 - We play tennis.
 - You talk a lot!
 - I relax on the weekend.
 - He waits for the bus.
 - She prefers the red car.
 - She needs a new coat.

b Complete the conversations with the verb in (parentheses) in the simple past ☐, ☐, or ☐.

- (play) A *Did* you *play* golf last weekend?
B Yes, I *played* on Saturday.
- 1 (park) A Where you the car?
B I it near the restaurant.
- 2 (finish) A you your homework?
B No, I it. It was very difficult.
- 3 (study) A What you in college?
B I economics.
- 4 (like) A you the concert?
B No, I it very much. The singers were terrible.
- 5 (watch) A you TV last night?
B Yes, we a very good show.
- 6 (close) A you the door when you went out?
B Of course I it!
- 7 (cry) A you at the end of the movie?
B Yes, I a lot!
- 8 (arrive) A What time you in Tokyo?
B We very late, about 1:00 a.m.

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11B

a Change from present to past. Use the time expression in the answer.

- I don't go the gym.
I didn't go to the gym yesterday.
- I have eggs for breakfast. this morning.
 - Does she go to Spanish classes? last year?
 - We don't have lunch at home. last week.
 - Mike doesn't go to work by car. yesterday.
 - They go to school by bus. yesterday.
 - What time do you get up? this morning?
 - Do you play sports or exercise? last weekend?
 - You don't do the housework. yesterday.
 - I don't get up early. this morning.

b Complete with the verb in (parentheses) in the past simple ☐, ☐, or ☐.

- (go) A *Did* you *go* to bed early last night?
B Yes, I did. I *went* to bed at 9:30!
- 1 (have) A What you for lunch today?
B I fish.
- 2 (do) A you the homework?
B No, but I my English homework.
- 3 (go) A Where you last night?
B I out. I stayed at home.
- 4 (get up) A What time the children ?
B They very late. They were tired.
- 5 (have) A What you for breakfast?
B I breakfast. I wasn't hungry. I just a coffee.
- 6 (go) A Pedro to judo last week?
B He on Monday, but he on Wednesday because he wasn't feeling well.

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