Class :S.2_____ ( )

Past simple

1 You use the past simple to talk about things that happened in the past:

I **stayed** in that hotel last week.
He **worked** all night and finally **finished** the project when the secretaries **arrived** in the morning.

2 You also use the past simple to talk about the general past, and about regular actions:

We **lived** in Rome for a year when I **was** a child.
Our friends often **visited** us there.

3 For most verbs, the past simple form ends in *-ed*.

Some verbs have an irregular past form:

Can you match these 20 irregular past simple forms and their infinitives?

begin _____ give _____
break _____ go _____
buy _____ have _____
come _____ make _____
do _____ pay _____
drink _____ say _____
drive _____ see _____
eat _____ take _____
find _____ tell _____
get _____ write _____

did saw found came went had told drove paid bought got
ate broke wrote took began drank said made gave

4 For all regular and irregular verbs (except *be*: see Unit 7), the form is the same for all persons: *I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they said*.

5 You use *did ... + infinitive* to form questions in the past:

Did you **get** home all right?
Did he **go** out last night?
Did you **tell** them about the party?
Who **did** you **see**?
Where **did** you **buy** that hat?
When **did** she **arrive**?

6 You use *did not* (or *didn't*) + *infinitive* to form negatives in the past:

I **didn't understand**, so I asked a question.
He **didn't give** me his address.

They **didn't buy** anything.