

Last summer, Bart and Lisa helped their dad to plan their holiday.

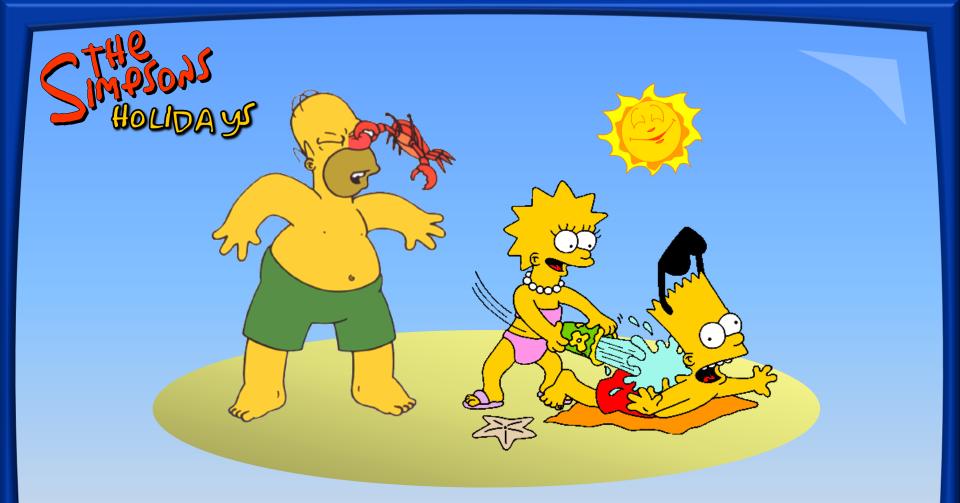




They decided to go to the beach. Homer drove their red car to the south.



At the beach, Bart surfed a big wave and Maggie made a beautiful sandcastle.

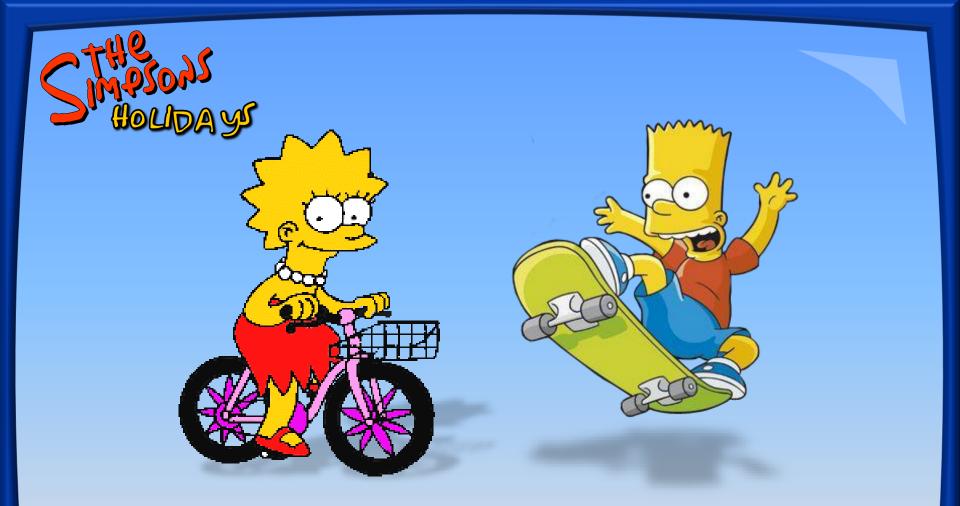


A crab bit Homer's nose and Lisa threw a bucket of water on Bart's back.





A few days later, they went to the mountains. It was hot, so they swam in a small lake.



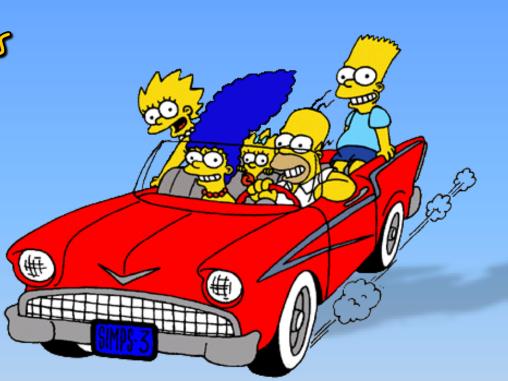
After that, Lisa rode her bike and Bart went skating.





Marge and the girls picked some beautiful flowers.

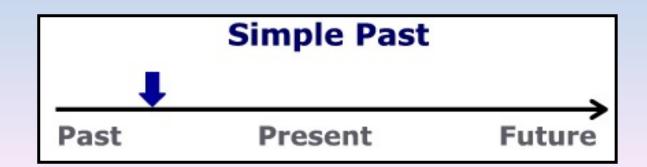




They went back home happily.



- All these events happened in the past.
- We call this tense "Past Simple".
- We use the past simple tense to talk about:
- Something which started and finished in a specific time in the past.



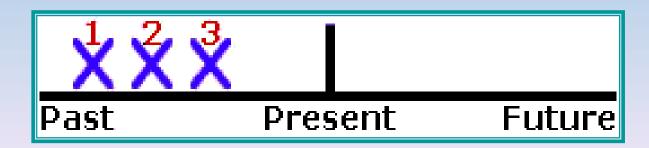


• Examples:

- I saw a movie yesterday.
- I didn't see a play yesterday.
- Last year, I traveled to Japan.
- Last year, I didn't travel to Korea.
- Did you have dinner last night?
- I studied French when I was a child.



- We also use the past simple tense to talk about:
- A series of completed actions in the past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.





• Examples:

- I finished work, walked to the beach, and found a nice place to swim.
 - He arrived from the airport at 8:00, checked into the hotel at 9:00, and met the others at 10:00.



• Form:

We form the Past Simple : - with regular verbs: verb + -ed

I You He She	They arrived late last night.
It We You They	He played the piano when he was 7.

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• Negative form of the Past Simple

We form the negative of the Past Simple by adding "did +not" before the main verb:

I You	
He She It	She didn't eat her lunch.
We You They	I didn't drink my cup of milk.

Note: the verb after "didn't" remained in the infinitive form.



We form questions using the Past Simple by adding "did" at the beginning of the sentence, in this form:

Did + subject + verb +continuation of the sentence + ?

Did you play football? Did he write this book?

Note: the verb in the question remained in the infinitive form



Key words:

yesterday the day before (two) days ago last (week/ month/ year...ect) a year ago 3 years ago when once

