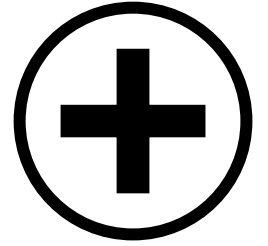


Past Simple

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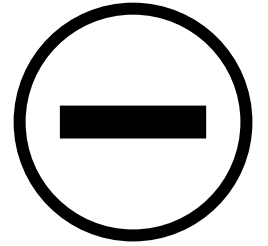


❖ POSITIVE SENTENCES



- I **watched** TV yesterday evening.
- **They** **enjoyed** the party last night.

Formation



❖ NEGATIVE SENTENCES

Subject + **did not** + **main verb** + **rest**

- I **didn't** **watch** TV yesterday evening.
- **They** **didn't** **enjoy** the party last night.

Formation



❖ QUESTIONS

Did + **subject** + **main verb** + **rest**

- **Did** you watch TV yesterday evening?
- **Did** they enjoy the party last night?

Spelling Rules

Basic Rule:

➔ Add **-ed** to the **base form** of the verb.

➤ He **played** football yesterday.

Exceptions:

➔ Add **-d** to the **base form** of verbs ending in **-e**.

➤ She **arrived** yesterday evening.

Exceptions:

→ Double the **consonant** and add **-ed** to the **base form** of verbs ending in a **short stressed vowel** and a **consonant**.

➤ She **stopped** smoking a year ago.

Exceptions:

➔ Delete **-y** and add **-ied** to the **base form** of verbs ending in a **consonant** and **-y**.

➤ She **cried** because her father died. (**cry**)

Irregular verbs:

➔ Many verbs have an **irregular past simple form** that you have to **learn by heart!**

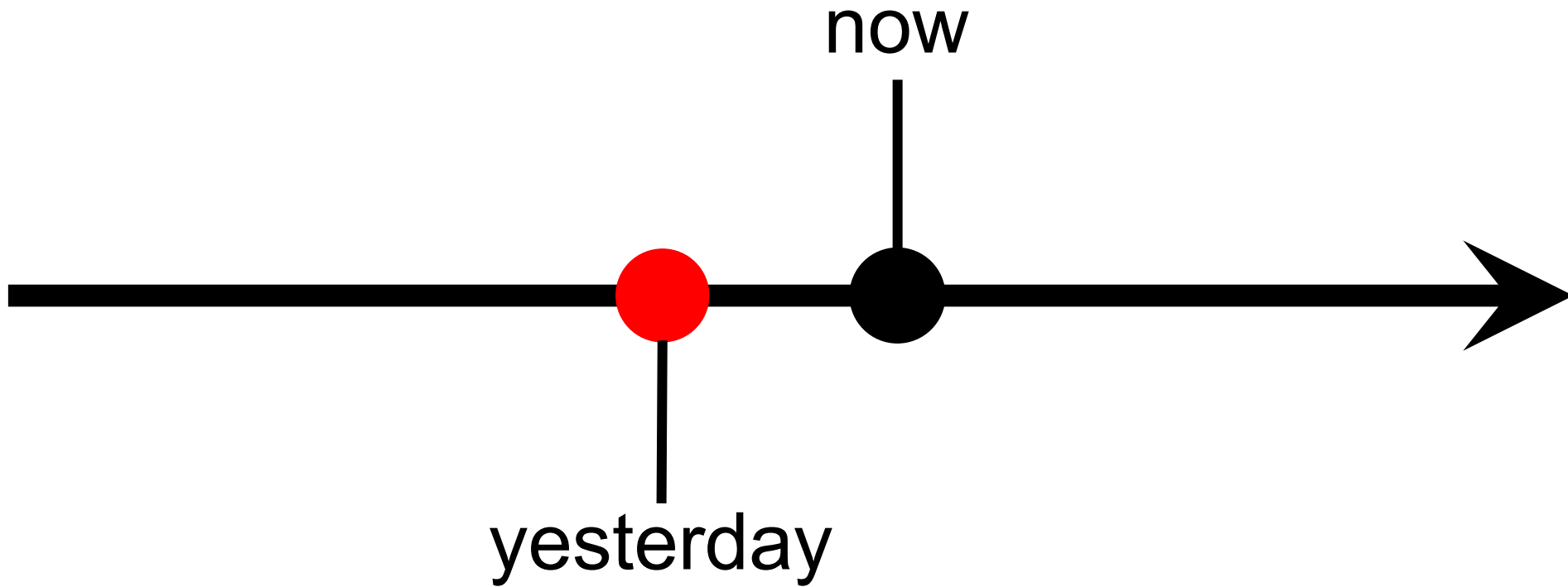
- He **did** all his homework last Friday. (do)
- She **took** his breath away... (take)
- ...when he first **saw** her. (see)

Use

Use the **past simple** to talk about an action or situation in the **past** which is **finished**.

- Chris **phoned** me yesterday. He **wanted** to ask me something.

Timeline

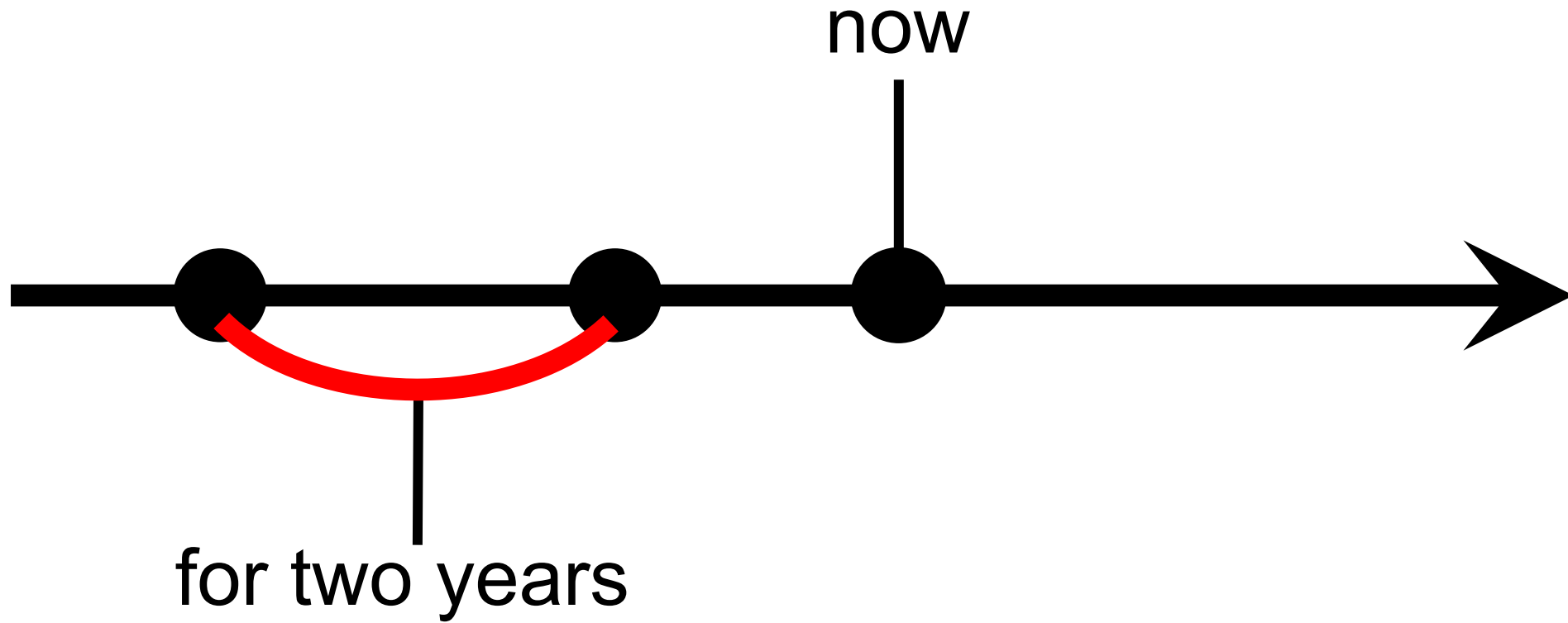


Use

Use the **past simple** with **for** to talk about something that continued for a **period of time**, and **ended in the past**.

- I **lived** in Rome **for** two years. Then I went to work in Japan.

Timeline



Signal words

- yesterday (= *gestern*)
 - Chris **phoned** me **yesterday**.
- last week/month/year/... (= *letzte Woche / letzten Monat /...*)
 - I **met** Justin Bieber **last year**.
- on (+date) (= *am + Datum*)
 - I **married** my husband **on 13.04.2005**.
- in (+ year/month) (= *im Jahr/Monat*)
 - James Cook **sailed** to New Zealand **in 1773**.
- ... ago (= *vor ...*)
 - I **started** to study **3 years ago**.