

The simple past Regular and irregular verbs

Learn!

- a. What did the children find one day?
- b. They discovered that a fairy lived in the house.
- c. The children picked up the treasure.
- d. They tried to buy several things but some people did not believe it was real gold.
- e. They didn't have anything to eat.
- f. When the tall man heard them, he laughed.
- g. A policeman came and arrested the children.
- h. The children were scared.

Work it out!

1 Underline the correct answer to the questions below.

- a. What do all the sentences refer to?
Specific events happening now. / Completed events in a definite time in the past.
- b. What tense do we use to talk about finished actions in the past.
The simple present tense. / The simple past tense.
- c. Which of the underlined verbs are regular verbs (they add *d* or *ed* for their past form)?
lived, picked up, laughed, arrested / was, were, heard, came
- d. Which of the underlined verbs are irregular?
lived, picked up, laughed, arrested / was, were, heard, came
- e. What auxiliary verb do we use to form questions and negative sentences in the simple past form?
did / have
- f. What is the contracted form of did not?
didn't / doesn't