

Resume

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1980:	Born
1998–1999:	Study abroad
1999–2003:	College
2003–2005:	Graduate School
2006–2007:	Volunteer in Africa
2007–Present:	Work in hospital



I was born in 1980. When I finished school, I traveled around the world and visited China, Australia, and parts of South America. In 1999, I started college and studied for six years. After I graduated from college and graduate school, I worked in Africa for a year and then I started my job at the hospital in 2007.

Presentation

Use the past simple to talk about finished actions and events.

Regular verbs

Add *-ed* to regular verbs to form the past simple: *started*, *finished*.

I / You / He / She / It / We / They	started finished	college in 1999.
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TIP Verbs have one form in the past simple.

Past simple (regular verbs): key spelling rules

- Two syllable verbs ending with *-y*: *study* → *studied* (not *studieded*)
- Verbs ending with *-e*: *live* → *lived*
- Many verbs ending in vowel + consonant (not *-w*, *-x* or *-y*) double the consonant: *admit* → *admitted*, *stop* → *stopped* (not *admitted*, *stoped*)

Pronunciation

With verbs ending with a /t/ or /d/ sound (e.g. *start*, *need*, *graduate*), *-ed* adds an extra syllable: *start* = one syllable, *started* = two syllables (start / ed).

Key vocabulary Regular verbs: finish, graduate, join, live, qualify, start, stop, study, travel, visit, walk, work
Time references: in 1999, last night/month/year, two years ago, for three years, yesterday, this morning, on Monday, then

1 Read the resume. Are sentences 1–6 true (T) or false (F)?

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1982: Born
1987–2000: School
2001–2005: University
2005–present: Accountancy firm

- 1 He started work in 2006.
- 2 He finished school in 2000.
- 3 He studied at the university for two years.
- 4 He started school in 1987.
- 5 He was born in 1982.
- 6 He joined an accountancy firm in 2005.

2 Which are correct? Correct the spelling mistakes.

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|------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| 1 studied | <u>studied</u> | 5 graduated | |
| 2 tried | <u>✓</u> | 6 stoped | |
| 3 visitted | | 7 traveled | |
| 4 played | | 8 qualified | |

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs.

- 1 I started (start) this job four years ago.
- 2 They (finish) work at nine o'clock last night.
- 3 Richard (graduate) from Oxford University last month.
- 4 We (visit) the Taj Mahal in India last year.
- 5 I (work) for Microsoft for three years.
- 6 She (travel) home by taxi.
- 7 They (walk) home yesterday.
- 8 Sally (stop) work at lunchtime yesterday.
- 9 My family (live) in Canada for two years.
- 10 We (study) English for two hours this morning.

4 Read about Nicole and complete the text.



1999 Finish school
1999 Start college
2003 Graduate with Spanish degree
2003–4 Travel around South America with friend
2004–5 Study for teaching certificate / Receive certificate in 2005
2005 Join private language school

I ¹ school in 1999 and I ² college in the same year. After I
³ from college with a degree in Spanish, I ⁴ around South
America with a friend for nearly a year. After that I ⁵ for a certificate in teaching and
⁶ in 2005. Finally I ⁷ a private language school where I still teach
Spanish today.