

Curriculum Vitae

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1990: Born

2008–2009: Round-the-world gap year

2009–2015: Medical College

2016–2017: Volunteer doctor in Africa

2017–present: Work in hospital



I was born in 1990. When I finished school, I travelled around the world and visited China, Australia and parts of South America. In 2009, I started college and studied medicine for six years. After I graduated from college, I worked in Africa for a year and then I started my job at the hospital in 2017.

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 2009.

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 *studyed*)
- Verbs ending with *-e*: *live* → *lived*
- Many verbs ending in vowel + consonant (not *-w*, *-x* or *-y*) double the consonant: *travel* → *travelled*, *stop* → *stopped* (not *traveled*, *stoped*)

Pronunciation

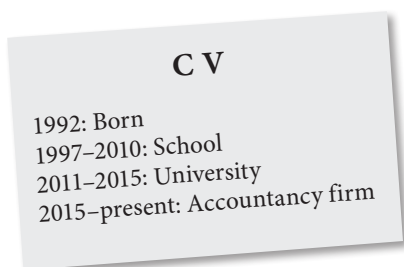
With verbs ending with a /t/ or /d/ sound (e.g. *start*, *need*, *graduate*), *-ed* adds an extra syllable: *start* = one syllable, *started* = two syllables (start / ed).

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

Exercises

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



- 1 He started work in 2016.
- 2 He finished school in 2010.
- 3 He studied at university for two years.
- 4 He started school in 1997.
- 5 He was born in 1992.
- 6 He joined an accountancy firm in 2015.


2 Which are correct? Correct the spelling mistakes.

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|------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 1 studied | studied | 5 graduated | |
| 2 tried | ✓ | 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. Then listen and check.



2009	Finish school
2009	Start university
2013	Graduate with Spanish degree
2013–4	Travel around South America with friend
2014–5	Study for teaching certificate / Qualify in 2015
2015	Join private language school

I ¹ school in 2009 and I ² university in the same year. After I ³ from university 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 2015. Finally I ⁷ a private language school where I still teach Spanish today.