The **past simple** is used when:

talking about actions or completely finished events without a link to the present.

Example: We spent three years in Switzerland.

talking about a specific action in the past. With the expressions describing moments in the past such as yesterday, last month, ago, etc..., the past **simple** is obligatory.

Example: They married two years ago. He died in 1964.

talking about **past habits**. <u>Example</u>: My grandfather **worked** on a farm.