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.

Example: My grandfather worked on a farm.