

Past Tense of Find: Found

Find is an irregular verb. The past simple and the past participle are the same form: found. You can say I found it and I have found it.

Base	find
Past	found
Past participle	found
3rd person / -ing	finds / finding

Examples

Where can I find a cheap hotel? — After can, the verb stays in its base form.

I always find my glasses on the table. — A habit in the present uses find.

She found a ring on the street. — Found is the past form; it needs no helper.

We found a good restaurant near the hotel. — One finished event in the past uses found.

I have found my passport! — Have found links the past to now.

Have they found the answer yet? — In a question, found still follows have.

Notes

Find or look for? Look for is the search: I am looking for my keys. Find is the result: I found my keys. You can look for something and not find it.

Find out Find out means learn a fact: I found out the answer. Find means discover a thing or place. Notice the past is found in both cases.

Find it easy or hard Use find plus it plus an adjective to give your opinion: I find English grammar easy. She found the test difficult.

Common mistakes

I finded my key. → I found my key. — Find is irregular, so the past is found, not finded.

I have find it. → I have found it. — After have, use the past participle found, not the base form.

I am finding my keys. → I am looking for my keys. — Find describes the result. To describe the search, use look for.

Exercises

Choose the right form

1. Yesterday I ___ a coin on the floor. (find / found / finded)
2. Have you ___ your bag? (found / find / finded)
3. Where can I ___ a bus map? (found / find / finding)
4. She ___ ten euros in her coat last week. (find / finds / found)

Write the missing form

1. We ___ a cheap hotel online last month.

2. He has ___ a new job.

3. I can't ___ my glasses.

Correct the mistake

1. She has finded her phone.

Answer key

Choose the right form

1. found — Yesterday is finished, so use the past form found.
2. found — After have, use the past participle found.
3. find — After can, use the base form find.
4. found — Last week is finished, so use found.

Write the missing form

1. found — Last month is finished, so use found.
2. found — Has plus the participle is has found.
3. find — After can't, use the base form find.

Correct the mistake

1. found — Find is irregular: the participle is found.

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