



Past Simple Negatives and Questions

Introduction to Past Simple Negatives and Questions

- I didn't play football.
- I did not play football.
- Did I play football?
- Why did I play football?
- When did I play football?
- Where did I play football?
- How often did I play football?
- Didn't I play football?
- I played football, didn't I?
- Did I not play football?
- Yes, I did.
- No, I didn't.

Past Simple Negatives and Questions

- We use **did** and **didn't** to make negatives, questions and short answers in past simple.

PAST SIMPLE FORM
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POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
I You He She It We They went	I You He She It We They did not go didn't go	Did I you he she it we they go?

SHORT ANSWER	
Yes, I you he she it we they did.	No, I you he she it we they did not. didn't.

⚠️ NEGATIVE

❌ He didn't went.
✅ He didn't go.

⚠️ QUESTION

❌ Did she worked?
✅ Did she work?

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Word Order in Questions

- Remember that the word order in questions is **QWASI**: (Question Word), Auxiliary (did), Subject, Infinitive.

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QUESTIONS WITH BE	QUESTION WORD	AUXILIARY <i>BE</i>	SUBJECT	ADJECTIVE, NOUN, ETC.
		Was	Thomas	at the party?
	How old	was	your aunt?	
	What	were	those noises	last night?
	Where	were	you	at 10?

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QUESTIONS WITH DID	QUESTION WORD	AUXILIARY <i>DID</i>	SUBJECT	INFINITIVE
		Did	you	eat pizza?
	Where	did	you	park?
	What time	did	he	leave?
	When	did	they	arrive?
	What	did	you	do?

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Infinitive Without 'to'

- We use **did** or **didn't** with the **bare infinitive** of the main verb (= infinitive without **to**).
- I **didn't work** yesterday. (correct)
- I didn't **didn't worked** yesterday. (wrong)
- **Did** you **go** to the concert? (correct)
- **Did** you **went** to the concert? (wrong)

Don't Use 'did' in Positive Sentences

- We use **did** or **didn't** in negatives, questions and short answers, but **NOT** in **positive sentences**.
- We **stayed** home yesterday. (correct)
- We **did stay** home yesterday. (wrong)
- I **went** out last night. (correct)
- I **did go** out last night. (wrong)

'Did' or 'Was/Were'?

- We use **did** and **didn't** (NOT **was/wasn't** or **were/weren't**) as the auxiliary verb in negatives and questions in past simple.
- We **didn't eat** at 6. (correct)
- We **weren't eat** at 6. (wrong)
- **Did** you **do** your homework? (correct)
- **Were** you **do** your homework? (wrong)
- We do **NOT** use **did** or **didn't** in past simple negatives or questions when the **main verb** is **be**.
- They **weren't** happy. (correct)
- They **didn't be** happy. (wrong)
- **Was** he at home? (correct)
- **Did** he **be** at home? (wrong)