

# PAST SIMPLE: QUESTIONS & NEGATIVES

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Ask about past events and say what didn't happen.

## 1. READ: A missed film

Read the conversation. Notice the bold questions and negatives.

**Amy:** Did you **see** the film last night, Leo?

**Leo:** No, I **didn't**. I **didn't get** home until nine.

**Amy:** Why **did** you **get** home so late?

**Leo:** My train stopped for an hour. What was the film like?

**Amy:** Good, but I **didn't like** the ending.

**Leo:** Don't tell me! I'll watch it at the weekend.

## 2. GRAMMAR: Did + base verb

Use did in questions and didn't in negatives. After either, use the base verb.

| Form              | Pattern                  | Example           |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Negative          | subject + didn't + verb  | I didn't go.      |
| Yes / no question | Did + subject + verb?    | Did she call?     |
| Wh-question       | question word + did ...? | Where did you go? |

Say **Did she go?**, not Did she went? Say **She didn't go**, not didn't went.

**Short answers:** Yes, I did. / No, I didn't. **didn't** = did not.

Past be uses **was / were**, not did: **Was he tired? He wasn't tired.**

## A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: Did you **go** / went?

1. Did / Does you call yesterday?
2. She didn't buy / bought it.
3. Where did he go / went?
4. We didn't / don't work last Sunday.
5. Did they arrive / arrived late?
6. No, I didn't / wasn't. (Did you call?)
7. Was / Did he tired yesterday?
8. He wasn't / didn't at home.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

## B. COMPLETE: A weekend trip

Complete the gaps with did, didn't or the base form of the verb in brackets.

**Jo:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you enjoy your trip, Max?

**Max:** Yes, I did, but I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ stay very long.

**Jo:** Why (3) \_\_\_\_\_ you leave early?

**Max:** I had work on Sunday. I didn't (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to be late.

**Jo:** Did you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the castle?

**Max:** No, I (6) \_\_\_\_\_. It was closed. We walked by the river instead.

## C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Make negatives with didn't.

Example: I went out. **I didn't go out.**

1. He bought a ticket.

2. They had breakfast.

3-4: Make questions. Example: She called. **Did she call?**

3. Anna arrived early.

4. You saw Tom.

## D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three sentences about yesterday: two things you did and one thing you didn't do.

Example: **I worked at home. I cooked lunch. I didn't go out.**

## E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Ask: **Did you go out yesterday? What did you do after class?**

2. Ask two follow-up questions. Use **Where / Who / When + did.**

Report one thing your partner did and one thing they didn't do.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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## A. CHOOSE

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Did    | 2. buy    |
| 3. go     | 4. didn't |
| 5. arrive | 6. didn't |
| 7. Was    | 8. wasn't |

## B. COMPLETE: A weekend trip

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. Did   | 2. didn't |
| 3. did   | 4. want   |
| 5. visit | 6. didn't |

## C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. He didn't buy a ticket.
2. They didn't have breakfast.
3. Did Anna arrive early?
4. Did you see Tom?

## D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

**Sample:** I worked at home. I cooked lunch. I didn't go out.

**Teacher note:** Accept did not as a full negative. Do not add another not after didn't. Questions with past be use was / were without did.