



Past Simple

Questions · Ruby · Standard

Name: _____ Class: _____

Grammar summary

Question	Yes	No
Did you work?	Yes, I did.	No, I didn't.
Did she go?	Yes, she did.	No, she didn't.
Was he at home?	Yes, he was.	No, he wasn't.
Were they tired?	Yes, they were.	No, they weren't.

Did + subject + base verb: Did she go? Never Did she went?

With be, use was/were before the subject; do not add did.

Short answers repeat did, was or were; full negatives are also correct.

01 Build the past question

Use did and the base verb in brackets.

Example: Did she buy it? (buy)

1. _____ you _____ the bus yesterday? (catch)
2. _____ she _____ yesterday? (study)
3. _____ they _____ the match last night? (win)
4. _____ he _____ his keys yesterday? (find)
5. _____ we _____ early yesterday? (leave)
6. _____ your friends _____ last weekend? (come)

02 WH questions

Complete with did or the base verb in brackets.

1. Where _____ you stay last summer?
2. What did she _____ yesterday? (buy)
3. Why _____ they leave early yesterday?
4. How did he _____ to school yesterday? (get)

03 Positive and negative answers

Complete the short answers.

1. Did Mia come? Yes, she _____.
2. Did you see him? No, I _____.
3. Did they enjoy it? Yes, they _____.
4. Did Leo call? No, he _____.



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Question word	Ask about	Example
What / Where	thing / place	What did you eat? Where did you go?
When / Why	time / reason	When did she leave? Why did he leave?
How / How many	manner / number	How did you travel? How many came?

WH + did + subject + base verb: What did they buy?

Who as subject: Who broke the window? Ben did. No did before broke.

Who as object: Who did you meet? I met Ana. Use did + base verb.

04 Questions and answers with be

Use was/were or a negative form where needed.

Example: Were you at home? Yes, I was.

1. Where _____ you yesterday? At home.
2. _____ Sara at school yesterday? Yes, she was.
3. Were they tired? No, they _____.
4. Was he happy? Yes, he _____.

05 Who did it?

Who is the subject here; use the past verb without did.

1. Who _____ the window yesterday? (break)
2. Who _____ the email yesterday? (write)
3. Who _____ you yesterday? (call)
4. Who _____ the cake yesterday? (make)

06 An interview about a holiday

Complete with did, was, were or the base verb given.

1. Where _____ you go last summer?
2. How did you _____ there? (travel)
3. _____ you stay in a hotel?
4. Yes, we _____.
5. _____ the hotel comfortable?
6. Yes, it _____.