



Past Simple

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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 Complete WH questions

Use did and the base verb in brackets.

Example: What did he bring? (bring)

1. What _____ she _____ yesterday? (choose)
2. Where _____ they _____ last weekend? (go)
3. When _____ he _____ yesterday? (leave)
4. Why _____ you _____ last night? (cry)
5. How _____ we _____ the mistake? (make)
6. How many photos _____ she _____ yesterday? (take)

02 Short answers in context

Complete the short answers.

1. Did you find it? Yes, I _____.
2. Did she know? No, she _____.
3. Did the children help? Yes, they _____.
4. Did Leo win? No, he _____.

03 Keep be separate

Use was/were or a negative form where needed.

1. Why _____ he absent yesterday?
2. Where _____ the children yesterday?
3. Were you late? No, I _____.
4. Was the shop open? No, it _____.



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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 Subject or object question?

Who as subject takes a past verb; after did, use the base verb.

Example: Who came? Who did you call?

1. Who _____ the race yesterday? (win)
2. Who did you _____ yesterday? (see)
3. Who _____ the answer yesterday? (know)
4. Who did she _____ yesterday? (invite)

05 Avoid double past forms

Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Did she _____ an email yesterday? (write)
2. Why did he _____ that book? (choose)
3. Did they _____ the door yesterday? (close)
4. When did you _____ the news? (hear)

06 A lost bag

Complete the questions and short answers.

1. Where _____ you leave your bag yesterday?
2. _____ it on the bus? No, it was at school.
3. Who _____ it? A teacher found it. (find)
4. Did the teacher _____ you? (call)
5. Yes, she _____.
6. _____ you happy to get it back? Yes, I was.