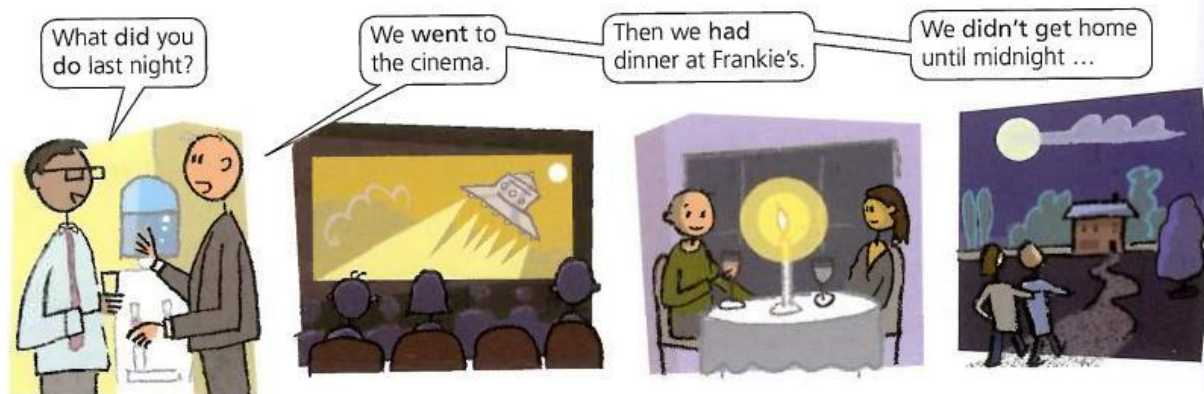


46 Past simple (2)



1 Form

NEGATIVE	Yes/No QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWERS
I/He/She/It/We/You/They did not (didn't) arrive.	Did I/he/she/it/we/you/they arrive?	Yes, I/he/she/it/we/you/they did. No, I/he/she/it/we/you/they didn't.

WH- QUESTIONS

What	did	you	do	on Saturday?
Where	did	you	go	for dinner?
How much	did	the meal	cost?	



- ~~✗ What you did on Saturday?~~
 ✓ What **did** you **do** on Saturday?

2 Use

We use the past simple

- when one thing happens after another in the past:
We **arrived** at the airport at eleven o'clock and **took** a taxi to the hotel.
Then we **went** to the café and **had** a drink, but we **didn't eat** anything.
- to talk about a situation that finished in the past:
I **lived** with my grandparents last summer.
Did men **have** long hair in the 1960s?
MP3 players **didn't exist** when I was a child.

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3 Words we use with the past simple

- We use **then** to say that one action happened after another one:
'I finished school in 2006. **Then** I went to university.'
'And what did you do **then**?' (after university)
- We use **from ... to** to say when a past situation started and finished:
James Dean lived **from** 1931 **to** 1955.
I waited for you **from** eight o'clock **to** half past nine!
- We use **for + ten minutes, two hours, a week, etc.** to say how long a past situation lasted:
Daniela stayed with her cousins **for two weeks** last summer.

Practice

1 Use the words below to write questions and short answers.

- 0 die / President Kennedy / 1963 ? (✓) *Did President Kennedy die in 1963? Yes, he did.*
- 1 fly / Neil Armstrong / to Mars ? (X)
- 2 win / Tony Curtis / an Oscar ? (X)
- 3 invent / Alexander Graham Bell / the telephone ? (✓)
- 4 paint / Michelangelo / the *Mona Lisa* ? (X)
- 5 write / Ian Fleming / the James Bond books ? (✓)
- 6 exist / computers / in the 1990s ? (✓)

2 GRAMMAR IN USE There are five more mistakes in the conversation. Find and correct them.

TOM Did you ^{go}went to the cinema yesterday?

SILVIA Yes, we do.

TOM What did you saw?

SILVIA We didn't saw anything.

TOM What do you mean?

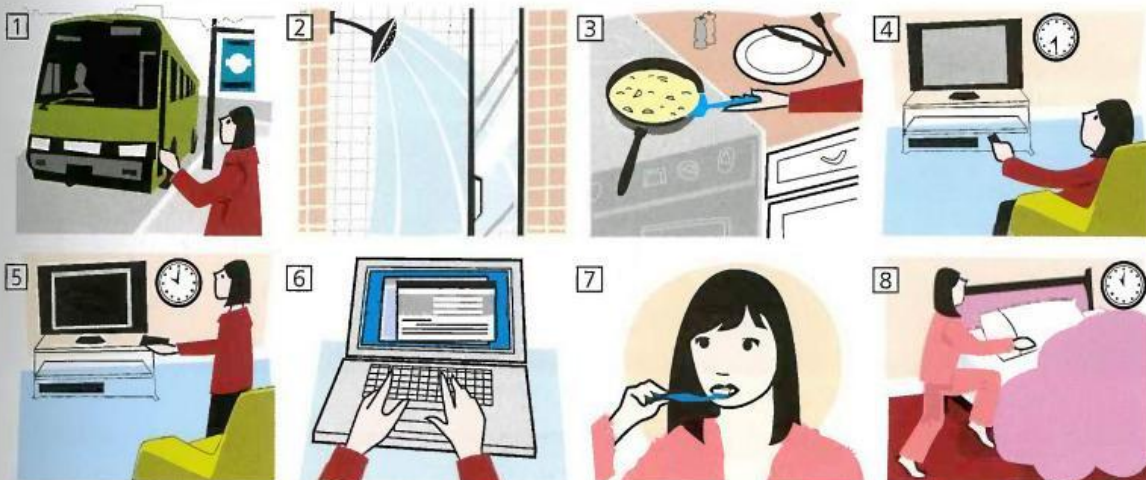
SILVIA Well. There was a queue when we got to the cinema, so we don't wait.

TOM So, what did you done?

SILVIA We went to Video City and rented a DVD.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Look at the pictures. Then describe what Janice did yesterday evening. Use the words and phrases in the box with the verbs in the past simple.

brush her teeth go home on the bus go to bed at have a shower
make a snack send some emails watch television from and then then



Janice went home on the bus at six o'clock. She