

Past simple vs Past simple negative.

Here are some examples past simple sentences:

- I **saw** my friend yesterday.
- He **went** to the store with his mom.
- We **walked** to the bank and **paid** our bills.

How do we make them **NEGATIVE**?

- I didn't **see** my friend yesterday.
- He didn't **go** to the store with his mom.
- We didn't **walk** to the bank and didn't **pay** our bills

Remember in negative sentences, the verb is in **present** (see, go, walk, pay) not **past** (**saw, went, walked, paid**) even though the meaning of the sentence is past. We add "**didn't**" to make the sentence past.

So:

Positive - Subject + (past verb) + object

Negative - Subject + "didn't" + (present verb) + object

Change these past sentences into past negative.

1. I worked in a bank for ten years.

2. I lived here when I was young.

3. She studied French at university.

4. He travelled through the Middle East last year.

5. They visited Paris on their last vacation.

An exception to this rule is the verb **"to be"**. For example:

- I **was** late for the meeting yesterday. (positive)
- ❖ I **wasn't** late for the meeting yesterday. (negative)
- You **were** on vacation when I called you. (positive)
- ❖ You **weren't** on vacation when I called you. (negative)

If the verb is "to be", do not use "didn't". "Was" becomes "wasn't", and "were" becomes "weren't". That's all.

Remember:

I was/wasn't.

You were/weren't.

He, she, it was/wasn't.

We were/weren't.

They were/ weren't.

Change these past sentences into past negative.

1. I was tired last night.

2. The exam was difficult.

3. They were in Berlin.

4. You were in the library when I called you.

5. The vacation was fun.
