



Simple Past Negative

Simple past tense is about an activity or situation that began and ended in the past.

Basic form

Subject + Auxiliary + not + Verb base form

I	did not / didn't	work.
You	did not / didn't	eat.
He	did not / didn't	study.
She	did not / didn't	speak.
It	did not / didn't	run.
We	did not / didn't	destroy.
They	did not / didn't	play.

1 NEGATIVE

Subject + aux. (-) + verb + direct object + complement
(base form)

✱ Peter did not/didn't brush his teeth at 5:00 am.

✱ Cadets did not/didn't eat cookies in English class.

2 NEGATIVE USING SIGNAL WORDS

Subject + aux. (-) + verb + direct object + complement + signal word.
(base form)

✱ Peter did not/didn't take a shower in his house last weekend.

✱ Cadets did not/didn't shave their faces in the barracks yesterday.

Auxiliary

did 

Exercise 1. Make a negative statement in the simple past tense.

1. My brother visited Dallas. (Houston)
2. Joan played tennis yesterday, (soccer)
3. Sally cooked chicken for dinner, (beef)
4. Frank cleaned his car last week, (this week)
5. Dan shaved last night, (yesterday)
6. The movie ended at 10:30 last night. (10:00)
7. John learned English. (Arabic)
8. The game started at 7:00 p.m. (4 p.m.)

Exercise 2. Unscramble the words to write negative and affirmative statements.

1. live / did / not / Joe / in Germany
2. did / not / Joe / to Chicago / go
3. did / the New York Mets game / Joe / not / watch
4. not / Joe / like / New York / did
5. in Chicago / a baseball game / did / see / not / Joe
6. yesterday / night / We / danced
7. last / cooked / I / lunch / Monday
8. French / last / year / You / studied
9. ice-cream / did / not / She / an / want
10. me / attacked / park / thief / in / The / the
11. months / our / holiday / We / planned / two / ago
12. penicillin / didn't / Marconi / the / discover
13. tied / quickly / his / shoelaces / He / very
14. didn't / She / try / the / cake
15. We / weekend / with / cards / last / played / our / parents

YESTERDAY PAST OR AGO?

YESTERDAY	LAST	AGO
Yesterday morning Yesterday afternoon Yesterday at five Yesterday The day before	Last night Last Monday/Tuesday... Last week / weekend Last September / October... Last month Last Summer / Winter Last Christmas / Last year My last birthday	One minute ago Three days ago Two weeks ago Four months ago Five years ago A long time ago
We use yesterday before a specific part of the day.	We use last before days of the week, months, seasons and celebrations.	We use ago after a specific quantity of time.



We use last night NO yesterday night.

Exercise 3. Complete the paragraph with *yesterday* or *last*.

Ann, Lisa, and Jeff are good friends. They like to go to the movies. Ann talked to Jeff at school _____ morning. She also talked to Lisa at work _____ afternoon. Lisa wanted to go downtown _____ evening. She wanted to see a movie.

Ann, Lisa, and Jeff watched the show together _____ night. It was a good movie, and they liked it. After the movie, they went to a snack bar to drink coffee and talk about the movie. They had a good time _____ evening. They want to go to the movies again tomorrow.

Exercise 4. Complete these sentences. Use *yesterday*, *last*, or *ago*.

1. Paul visited Chicago _____ year.
2. Mary and John arrived in New York three days _____
3. Jim and Paul talked about football _____ afternoon.
4. We studied Book Three _____ week.
5. I studied 50 words _____ evening.
6. I talked to Mr. Johnson _____ morning.
7. Jim talked to Mr. Johnson two hours _____.
8. Paul talked to Jim _____ Monday.
9. Mary watched TV _____ night.
10. John watched TV _____ at 9 o'clock.