

Simple Past

AFFIRMATIVE

Subject

I
You
He
She
It
We
You
They

Verbs

ate
swam
read
answered
bit
went
had
cooked

Complement

cookies for breakfast.
10 km last summer.
a book an hour ago.
homework last night.
a bone in the yard.
home late.
a baby in 2001.
dinner for me.

NEGATIVE

Subject

I
You
He
She
It
We
You
They

Auxiliary

did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't
did not/didn't

Verbs

eat
swim
read
answer
bite
go
have
cook

Complement

cookies for breakfast.
10 km last summer.
a book an hour ago.
homework last night.
a bone in the yard.
home late.
a baby in 2001.
dinner for me.

INTERROGATIVE

Auxiliary

Did
Did
Did
Did
Did
Did
Did
Did
Did



Subject

I
you
he
she
it
we
you
they

Verbs

eat
swim
read
answer
bite
go
have
cook

Complement

chocolate cookies?
10 km last summer?
a new book a day ago?
the question in class?
a bone in the yard?
home late?
an accident in 2001?
dinner last summer?



Signal words

Yesterday

morning
afternoon
evening
at 6:30
night

Last

month
year
weekend
night
christmas

a month
a year
a weekend
an hour

ago


in

1940
2017
2021

Simple Past

YES/NO QUESTIONS AND HOW TO ANSWER

 **Did cadets shave their faces in the barracks yesterday?**

 **Yes, they did.** or **No, they didn't.**

Auxiliary  **did**

 **Did Peter take a shower in his house last weekend?**

 **Yes, he did.** or **No, he didn't.**

WH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THING/OBJECT

 **What did Sgt. Wilson eat in the morning?**

 **He ate a sandwich in the morning.**



ACTION

 **What did cadets do last Thursday at 7 a.m.?**

 **They started classes last Thursday at 7 a.m.**



PLACE

 **Where did cadets have lunch last Thursday?**

 **They had lunch in the mess hall last Thursday.**



PERSON

 **Who took a shower yesterday at 4 a.m.?**

 **Cadets took a shower yesterday at 4 a.m..**



TIME

 **When did cadets do homework in the classroom?**

 **They did homework in the classroom last Friday.**



We use it to talk about:

1 completed actions in the past **2** habits in the past

3 past facts

Exercise 1. Match each question with the best answer.

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| 1. Did Paul visit American cities last year? | a. No, he didn't play tennis. |
| 2. Did he visit Los Angeles? | b. Yes, it started at 1. |
| 3. Did Paul play tennis? | c. No, he didn't go to L. A. |
| 4. Did he watch a baseball game? | d. No, it didn't end at 5. |
| 5. Did the Mets game start at 1 p.m.? | e. Yes, he was in two US cities. |
| 6. Did the Mets game end at 5 p.m.? | f. Yes, he watched baseball. |

Exercise 2. Look at the phrase and write the questions. Look at the example.

1. ... watched TV yesterday. **(he)** Q: Did he watch TV yesterday?
2. ... went to school yesterday. **(they)** Q. _____
3. ... saw a movie last weekend. **(she)** Q. _____
4. ... went swimming yesterday. **(she)** Q. _____
5. ... made 10 phone calls yesterday **(you)**. Q. _____
6. ... visited a museum last week. **(he)** Q. _____
7. ... played basketball last week. **(she)** Q. _____
8. ... got up before 6 AM. **(we)** Q. _____
9. ... went running before breakfast. **(they)** Q. _____
10. ... listened to the radio yesterday. Q. _____
11. ... went to the beach last week. Q. _____
12. ... broke a bone last year. Q. _____

Exercise 3. Complete the questions. Use what, where, who, how, why or when.

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| 1. (A) _____ did you do yesterday?
(B) I went shopping. | 9. (A) _____ ate the cake?
(B) Stewart ate it. |
| 2. (A) _____ did you get to San Francisco?
(B) We traveled by bus | 10. (A) _____ was that on the phone?
(B) It was Steven. |
| 3. (A) _____ old were you last year?
(B) I was twenty-three. | 11. (A) ... did she say?
(B) She said, "Good-bye." |
| 4. (A) _____ was that noise?
(B) It was just the wind. | 12. (A) _____ did they graduate?
(B) They graduated in 2014. |
| 5. (A) _____ were they?
(B) They were at the library. | 13. (A) _____ time did you go to bed?
(B) I went to bed at eleven o'clock. |

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6. (A) _____ did you have lunch?
(B) We had lunch at noon.
7. (A) _____ was your teacher?
(B) Ms. Jones was my teacher.
8. (A) _____ were you late?
(B) I missed the bus.
14. (A) _____ did he see a doctor?
(B) He hurt his hand.
15. (A) _____ were your bags?
(B) They were on the train.
16. (A) _____ was the movie?
(B) It was great!

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