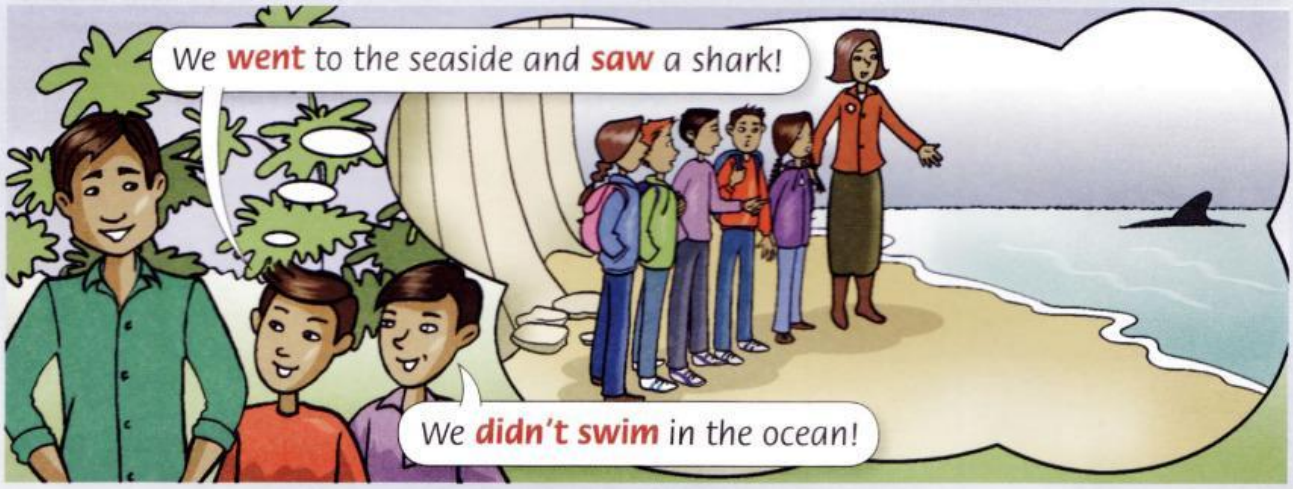
3 We saw a shark!

The past simple (2): irregular verbs

Past simple affirmative and negative: irregular verbs



Many common verbs have an irregular past simple form in the affirmative. You already know **was/were** and **had**. Here are some others:

Verb	buy	eat	fly	go	hear	make	see	think
Past simple	bought	ate	flew	went	heard	made	saw	thought

For most regular and irregular verbs, we form the past simple negative with **didn't** + base form. See page 80 for a list of irregular verbs.

*We **didn't look** at the postcards.* *Amy **didn't go** to the museum.*

Remember that the third person form of the past simple doesn't change in the affirmative or negative. The exception is the verb **be** (**was, were, wasn't, weren't**).

1 Match 1–8 with the word endings to make irregular past simple verbs.

1	heard	he	ught
2	_____	at	ard
3	_____	ma	w
4	_____	sa	nt
5	_____	fl	ght
6	_____	thou	de
7	_____	we	e
8	_____	bo	ew

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2 Write the past simple of the verbs in the box into the correct list.

~~ask~~ have hear live hate wait go eat

Regular	Irregular
asked _____	_____ _____
_____ _____	_____ _____

3 Circle the correct verb form.

1 We **eated** / **ate** lunch very early.
2 Eric **saw** / **seen** a robot at the exhibition.
3 Holly **heard** / **heared** the music.
4 Jasper and Ryan **buyed** / **bought** a sandwich.
5 I **went** / **goed** to school yesterday.
6 Jamie **make** / **made** breakfast this morning.
7 The birds **flew** / **flied** away.
8 The scientist **thinked** / **thought** about the question.

4 Look at exercise 3. Write negative sentences.

1 We didn't eat lunch very early.
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

5 Complete the text. Use the past simple of the verb in brackets.

Olly and I [1] went (go) to a lovely old village last weekend. It [2] _____ (not be) very far away. We [3] _____ (buy) some cheese, bread and fruit, and we [4] _____ (think) about having a picnic near the river. We [5] _____ (not have) very much water. Olly [6] _____ (see) a shop but it [7] _____ (be) closed. We [8] _____ (eat) our food and [9] _____ (fall asleep) under the trees.

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Past simple questions and short answers: irregular verbs

We form past simple questions in the same way for most regular and irregular verbs. We use **did** + I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they + base form.

***Did** you **buy** any souvenirs?*
***Did** Amy **have** breakfast this morning?*

We can use a question word before **did**, such as **what**, **who**, **where**, **when** or **which**.

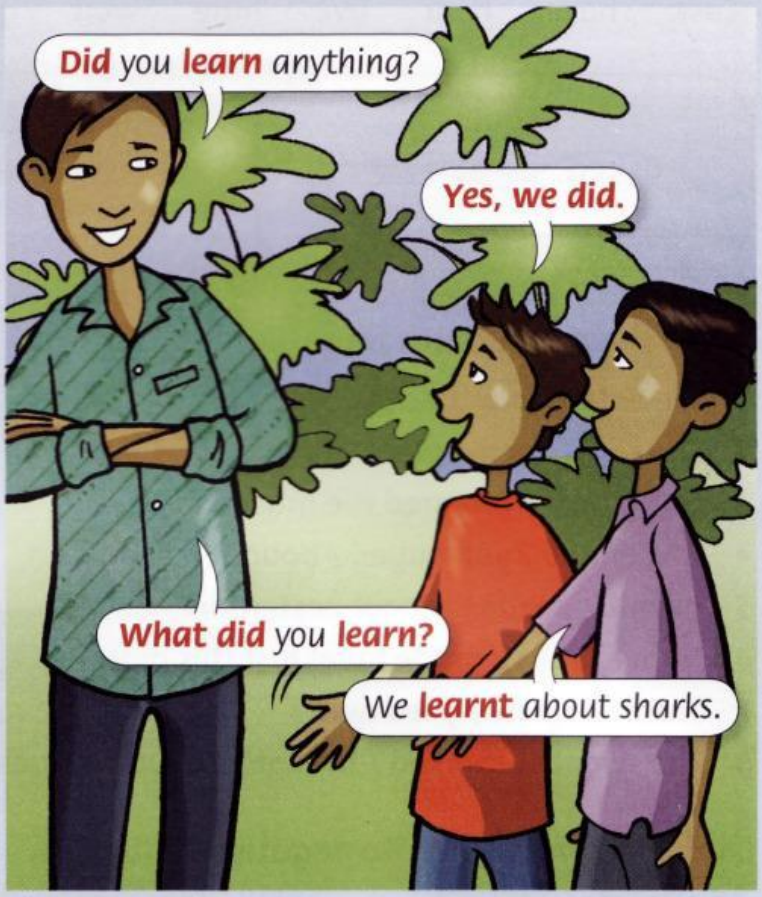
***What** did you see at the seaside?*

We can use **which** and **what** with a noun.

***Which** museum did you go to?*

We form past simple short answers in the same way for most regular and irregular verbs.

Did you enjoy the trip?
Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.



6 Write the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 you / eat / did / what
What did you eat?

2 Henry and Andy / where / have lunch / did

3 why / Max / buy / did / ten postcards

4 the money / where / did / find / they

5 you / learn / did / about rocks and plants / what

6 you / did / hear / when / the good news

7 which / the class / go to / did / part of the coast

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7 **Look at the pictures. Write questions and short answers.**

Sally / buy / a postcard

Did Sally buy a postcard?

Yes, she did.

they / have lunch / in a café

Mum and Dad / go / to a concert

the children / hear / a funny story

Poppy / find / anything interesting

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