GRAMMAR Past simple: negatives and questions

1 **Look at the examples in the table and complete the rules with *did* and *didn't*.**

Negatives	Questions	Short answers
He didn't use buses or planes. I didn't even have time to get a drink of water.	Why did Daniel do this? Did he enjoy it?	Yes, he did No, he didn't.

We use _____ and the main verb in the infinitive in negative sentences.
We use _____ and the main verb in the infinitive in questions.
We use _____ or _____ and leave out the main verb in short answers.

UNIT 6 PAST SIMPLE: NEGATIVES AND QUESTIONS

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Negative	I/You/He/She/It/We/They **didn't (did not) finish.**
Questions	Where **did** I/you/he/she/it/we/they **cook**? **Did** I/you/he/she/it/we/they work in a shop?
Short answers	Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **did.** No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **didn't.**

- We use the **past simple negative** to talk about things that didn't happen in the past.
  *The café **didn't open** at eight o'clock.*
  *We **didn't watch** a film in class.*
- We use **past simple questions** to ask about things that happened in the past.
  *What time **did** he **finish** work?*
  ***Did** you **listen** to music last night?*
- We use **short answers** to answer simple Yes / No questions.
  *Yes, I **did**.*

Practice

1 **Complete the sentences with the past simple negative form of the underlined verbs.**

0 My dad played tennis. He *didn't play* volleyball.
1 We cooked fish. We _____ meat.
2 In the school holidays, my brother worked in a factory. He _____ in a shop.
3 I used my mobile to send a message. I _____ the computer.
4 My friends climbed a tree. They _____ a mountain.
5 I opened the window. I _____ the door.

2 **Write true sentences about what you and the people you know didn't do yesterday. Use the words in brackets and the past simple negative form of the verbs.**

0 (I / watch)
I didn't watch a film on TV yesterday.
1 (my mum / listen)
_____
2 (my classmates / walk)
_____
3 (I / study)
_____
4 (my friends and I / play)
_____
5 (this class / start)
_____

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3 Write complete questions in the past simple. Then write short answers.

0 *Did* you *cook* dinner yesterday?
No, *I didn't* .

1 _____ your sister _____ (help) you with your homework?
Yes, _____.

2 _____ your friends _____ (finish) all the biscuits?
Yes, _____.

3 _____ this class _____ (start) at 10 am?
No, _____.

4 _____ you _____ (enjoy) the party?
Yes, _____.

5 _____ it _____ (rain) yesterday?
No, _____.

4 Put the words in order to make questions. Then write answers that are true for you.

0 you / walk / this / did / school / to / morning / ?
Did you walk to school this morning?
Yes, I did.

1 start / what / you / did / time / school / ?

2 use / did / a / you / computer / last night / ?

3 study / yesterday / you / did / what / ?

4 visit / country / holiday / you / did / another / on / ?

5 when / you / finish / Unit 5 / did / ?

2 Match the questions to the answers.

1 How many states did Daniel visit?
2 How did Daniel travel from job to job?
3 Why did Daniel stay in people's homes?
4 Did Daniel like being a farmer in Nebraska?
5 Did Daniel work at a theme park in Florida?
6 What did Daniel do in Alaska?

a Because hotels were too expensive.
b He worked as a photographer.
c 50
d By car.
e No, he didn't.
f Yes, he did.

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3 Tick (✓) the sentences that are true for you. Correct the ones that are wrong.

0 I travelled to school by bus today.
I didn't travel to school by bus today. I walked to school.
1 I finished my homework at 6 pm last night.
2 I cooked the dinner on Saturday.
3 I texted ten friends yesterday.
4 I painted a picture last week.
5 I climbed a mountain during my last holiday.
6 I watched a film on TV last night.

4 Find and correct the mistakes with the past simple.

1 Did you enjoyed yourself on holiday?
2 Tom don't talk to me for very long at the party.
3 I didn't finished the history homework before the lesson.
4 I really don't want to go to my dancing class yesterday.
5 Did you remembered my birthday?

5 Make questions. Then ask and answer with a partner.

0 What / learn about in the last lesson?
What did you learn about in the last lesson?
1 /play any sport last week?
2 /visit anywhere interesting last month?
3 Which school clubs / join last year?
4 /answer a question in your last lesson?
5 What date / start school this year?
6 When / last travel to another country?

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