

THE PAST TENSE

34 Past Simple: question and negative

FORM

- The past simple question form is the same for all persons (I, *you*, *he*, *she*, etc.) and all verbs:

| <i>Did</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Infinitive</i> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Did | I | |
| | he | |
| | she | leave? |
| | it | go? |
| | we | stay? |
| | you | |
| | they | |

- The past simple negative form is the same for all persons and all verbs:

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>did not</i> | <i>Infinitive</i> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| I | | |
| He | | |
| She | | |
| It | did not | leave. |
| We | didn't | go- |
| You | | stay. |
| They | | |

USE

> Exercise 35.

Practice

Write these sentences in the past simple, keeping them as questions or negatives.

- 1 Do they agree? *Did they agree?*
- 2 They don't drive. *They didn't drive.*
- 3 When do they go?.....
- 4 Where do they work?.....
- 5 Do you understand?.....
- 6 I don't know.....
- 7 He doesn't like it.....
- 8 What do you think?.....

9 She doesn't live here.....
 10 How much does it cost?.....
 11 When do you get up?.....
 12 I don't swim.....
 13 She doesn't speak Spanish.....
 14 We don't understand.....
 15 When do they leave?.....
 16 When does he go to school?.....
 17 Do you like Germany?.....
 18 When do you go out?.....
 19 She doesn't smoke.....
 20 He doesn't know.....

35 Past Simple: positive - regular verbs

FORM

- Regular verbs have the same form for all persons (*I, you, he, she, etc.*):

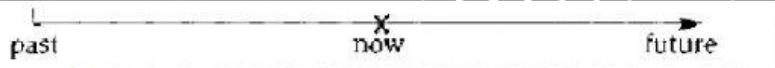
| Subject | Infinitive + ed |
|---------|-----------------|
| I | |
| He | |
| She | |
| It | stayed. |
| We | |
| You | |
| They | |

Notes

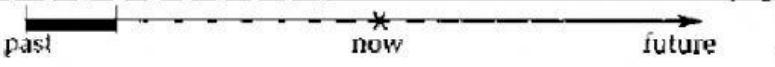
- Irregular verbs are different in the positive > Exercise 36.
- Remember to use the infinitive without *ed* for questions and negatives Exercise 34.
Did you stay? (NOT *Did you stayed?*)
- Spelling:
 - verbs ending in *e* add only *d*:
I love — *I loved*
 - verbs ending in *y* change *y* to *ied*:
I try — *I tried*
 - most verbs ending in a single vowel + single consonant change to single vowel + double consonant:
I travel —> *travelled*
We stop —> *we stopped*

USE

- For a past action or state. The action can be a short one:
I asked a question.
She missed the bus.



or a long one:
I walked for hours.
I lived here for years.



Practice

Change the verbs into the past simple, keeping them as positives, negatives, or questions.

- 1 He lives here. *He lived here.*
- 2 Do you work here? *Did you work here?*
- 3 I don't like the film.....
- 4 She hates the hotel.....
- 5 We don't live there.....
- 6 Does he play the piano?.....
- 7 I love Paris.....
- 8 He doesn't work very hard.....
- 9 She travels a lot.....
- 10 He walks everywhere.....
- 11 I don't study English.....
- 12 Do you drive to school?.....
- 13 I don't like him.....
- 14 Do you miss your parents?.....
- 15 We love Spain.....
- 16 John studies music.....
- 17 Where do you live?.....
- 18 What does he study?.....
- 19 Where does she work?.....
- 20 We don't like London.....
- 21 They hate waiting.....
- 22 They work in a factory.....