

## 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 it we you they	leave? go? stay?

- 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 We You They	did not didn't	leave. go- stay.

#### USE

- > Exercise 35.

#### Practice

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

- Do they agree? *Did they agree?*
- They don't drive. *They didn't drive.*
- When do they go?.....
- Where do they work?.....
- Do you understand?.....
- I don't know.....
- He doesn't like it.....
- 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 We You They	stayed.

#### 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?*)

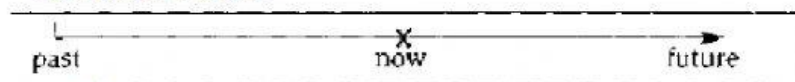
- Spelling:
  - a) verbs ending in *e* add only *d*:  
*I love — I loved*
  - b) verbs ending in *y* change *y* to *ied*:  
*I try — I tried*
  - c) most verbs ending in a single vowel + single consonant change to single vowel + double consonant:  
*I travel — I travelled*  
*We stop — we stopped*

## USE

- For a past action or state. The action can be a short one:

*I asked a question.*

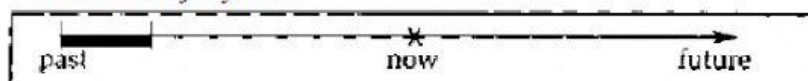
*She missed the bus.*



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.....