Past Simple: Negative form

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1 Read and complete the table.

didn't know

Past Simple Negative

The past simple negative is did not (didn't) + the base form of the verb. We don't use the past form of the verb, because did/didn't shows that it is in the past. The form is the same for all subjects. Caution: Don't use the –ed or irregular past form. Don't use did/didn't with be. The past simple of be is was/were.

Past Simple Negative

I didn't (1)_____ that the sun god's name was Helios.

The gods of ancient Greece (2)_____ live in the sky.

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2 Read and circle the correct options.

1 Long ago, people **build** / **built** huge temples.

2 They **didn't** / **don't** live in the temples.

3 They **make** / **made** them for their gods.

4 Today, many people **travel** / **traveled** from far away to see ancient temples.

5 They **didn't** / **don't** believe in the gods.

6 They **want** / **wanted** to learn about ancient cultures.

3 Complete the first sentences with the past simple negative.

1 Helios was a man. → Helios _____ a man. He was a _____.

2 He controlled the ocean. → He _____ the ocean. He controlled the _____.

3 He drove a car. → He _____ a car. He drove a _____.

4 Helios had wings. → Helios _____ wings. His _____ had wings.

5 His horses walked. → His horses _____. They _____!

✢ Look and complete the second sentences with the correct words.

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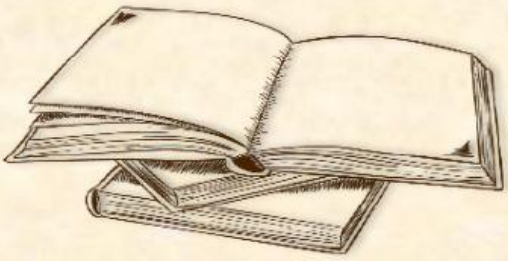
Helios: ancient Greek god of the sun