

Grammar in context 2

Past simple: affirmative, negative and questions

1a Look at these sentences and choose the correct alternative to complete the rules.

- a I visited a film studio.
- b My family didn't travel anywhere.
- c What did you like about California?
- d Did you stay at the camp?
Yes, I did./No, I didn't.

1 We add -ed to make the past simple form of *regular/irregular verbs*.

2 To make negative sentences, we use *didn't before/after* the infinitive form of the verb.

3 To make questions, we use *did + subject + the past form/the infinitive form* of the verb.

4 In short answers, we *repeat/don't repeat* the main verb.

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1b What is the present form of the verbs in bold? Is the past form **Regular (R)** or **Irregular (I)**?

- 1 We **flew** to Los Angeles.
- 2 We **walked** around the famous areas.
- 3 We **tried** to go to all the places where film stars go.
- 4 We **saw** some well-known actors.
- 5 A taxi **stopped** in front of us, a famous actor **got** out and **went** into a hotel.
- 6 I **loved** it all!
- 7 I **wanted** to stay for another week.
- 8 My brother **sat** in Sheldon's place.
- 9 I **spent** a week at the studio. I **had** an amazing time.
- 10 I **made** lots of cool friends.

1c Match the spelling rules for regular past simple forms (1–4) to the examples (a–d).

- 1 add -ed to most verbs
- 2 verbs that end in -e: add -d
- 3 verbs that end in a consonant + y: take away the -y and add -ied



2b    Listen and write the verbs in the correct column in 2a.

finished • hated • needed • played • showed • started • stopped • tried • watched

2c    Listen, check and repeat.

3 Complete the text with the past simple form of these verbs. Use the irregular verbs list on page 159 to help you.

buy • climb • find • go • learn • love • practise • read • understand • walk • want

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Last year we (a) to Croatia on holiday for a weekend. I (b) several books about the country before going and I (c) a few phrases of Croatian – it was difficult for me! On the first day, we (d) around the streets of the old town for hours, my feet hurt! In the evening we (e) a lovely restaurant to have dinner. I (f) the phrases that I knew with the waiter and he (g) every word! It was fun! The following day Mum (h) to go to the Sponza Palace. It's about 500 years old! In the afternoon, we (i) up Mount Srd. I (j) looking at the city from up there, it was beautiful! On the last day in Dubrovnik we went shopping and I (k) a few souvenirs for my friends.



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