FRANKENSTEIN

GRAMMAR CHECK

Past Simple Yes/No questions and short answers

We use was/were, or the auxiliary verbs did and could + infinitive without *to* in Yes/No questions in the Past Simple.

Was Elizabeth the daughter of a French woman and Milanese man?

Did she have yellow hair and blue eyes?

In the short answer, we repeat the subject and re-use the auxiliary verb or was/were.

No, she wasn't.

Yes, she did.

1 Write answers for the questions. Use the short answers in the box.



No, they didn't.	No, they weren't.	Yes, she could.
No, she didn't.	Yes, she did.	Yes, they did.
No, she wasn't.	~~Yes, they were.~~	Yes, she was.

a Were the family by Lake Como poor? ...Yes, they were.....

b Did they have six children? .....

c Was Victor's mother interested in Elizabeth? .....

d Did Elizabeth make a lot of noise when she was young? .....

e Did her mother die when she was born? .....

f Were things easy for the poor family by the lake? .....

g Was Elizabeth older than Victor? .....

h Did the Frankensteins take Elizabeth to Geneva? .....

i Could Elizabeth speak Italian and French? .....

2 Write short answers for these questions about Victor.



a Was Victor born in Naples? .....Yes, he was.....

b Was he the Frankensteins' only son? .....

c Did he play with Elizabeth when he was a boy? .....

d Did he live in Geneva before Ernest was born? .....

e Was he interested in science at fifteen? .....

f Could he speak French and German? .....

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