3.4 Grammar

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	Regular verbs	Irregular verbs
+	I wanted a bearded dragon.	I went to the kitchen.
−	He didn't want Rex.	She didn't go home.
?	Did she want a pet? Yes, she did./No, she didn't.	Did she go to the kitchen? Yes, she did./No, she didn't.
	What did Mateo want?	Why did he do that?

Past Simple verbs are irregular in the affirmative form only.

1 ● Complete the sentences with the past form of the verbs below.

find help look walk ~~want~~ write

1 Olly *wanted* to be a vet when he was younger.
2 Jack _____ me with my animal project last night.
3 We _____ at some beautiful photos of Annie's pet cat at break this morning.
4 I _____ your dog in my garden this morning.
5 Megan and Bree _____ a letter to the Queen.
6 The penguins at the zoo _____ in a funny way!

2 ● Complete the sentences with the negative form of the verbs.

1 I needed some paper. I *didn't need* a pen.
2 Harry found his book. He _____ yours.
3 We studied vocabulary. We _____ grammar.
4 They went to the beach. They _____ to the park.
5 I saw Jenna at the party. I _____ Karl.

3 ● Order the words in brackets to complete the questions. Then write short answers.

1 *Did he phone* (did/phone/he) you yesterday?
Yes, *he did*.
2 _____ (answer/you/did) the teacher's question?
No, _____.
3 _____ (walk/they/did) to the party?
No, _____.
4 _____ (like/did/you) my pet guinea pig?
Yes, _____.
5 _____ (police/did/look/the) for the dog?
No, _____.

4 ●● Complete the dialogues with the correct Past Simple form of the verbs.

1 (watch)
A: *Did you watch* the documentary about wild animals last night?
B: No, I *didn't watch* the documentary, but I *watched* a game show.
2 (phone)
A: When _____ Hannah?
B: I _____ her at 7.30, but she wasn't at home.
3 (listen)
A: _____ to Beyoncè's new song?
B: Yes, I _____ to it last night. It was brilliant.
4 (see)
A: _____ Helena last night?
B: Yes! I _____ her at the party.
5 (draw)
A: _____ the artist _____ a picture of the mountains?
B: No. He _____ a picture of some flowers.

5 ●●● Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs below.

~~ask~~ change decide not finish go not go look find promise

A: Did you start the animal project last night?
B: Yes, I did. I [1] *asked* Andy to help me.
A: But he [2] _____ to the cinema last night.
B: He [3] _____ his plans. He [4] _____ to the cinema. He [5] _____ to help me instead!
A: That was very kind of him!
B: I know. We [6] _____ online and [7] _____ some interesting articles about wildlife in Africa. We [8] _____, but he [9] _____ to help me again tonight.
A: Lucky you!

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