



A Complete the rules below. Use the sentences in the grammar box to help you.

- 1 The simple past of *be* is \_\_\_\_\_ or *were*. The negative is *wasn't* or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The simple past of regular verbs ends in *-ed*. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The simple past of irregular verbs doesn't end in *-ed*. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Simple past**

I **visited** the ocean for the first time in my life.      It **was** my first marathon.  
I **ran** a red light and **hit** another car.      My friends **weren't** with me.

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- 1 Use \_\_\_\_\_ when you ask a question.
- 2 Use \_\_\_\_\_ to make a negative.
- 3 The main verb in questions and negatives is *is / isn't* in the simple past.

**Simple past negative and questions**

Did he die in 1989?      No, he **didn't**. He died in 2011.  
Did he come from Argentina?      He **didn't** come from Argentina.

Simple past negative and questions				
	Affirmative	Negative	Question	Short answers
I / He / She / It / You / We / They	<b>studied</b> medicine.	<b>didn't study</b> journalism.	<b>Did he study</b> medicine?	Yes, he <b>did</b> . No, she <b>didn't</b> .
Information questions				
<b>What</b> did you study?		<b>Why</b> did she retire?		
<b>When</b> did they get married?		<b>Who</b> did you live with?		
<b>Where</b> did he come from?		<b>How many children</b> did they have?		

B. Structure:

**1. positive (be)**

- a. Subject + was/were + verb in past + complement
- b. Subject + was/were + complement

**2. negative (be)**

- a. Subject + was not/were not + verb base form + complement
- b. Subject + was not/were not + complement

**3. question (be)**

- a. Was/Were + subject + complement?
- b. Subject + was not/were not + complement?

**4. positive (other verbs)**

- a. Subject + verb in past + complement
- b. Subject + was/were + verb in past + complement

**2. negative (other verbs)**

- a. Subject + did not + verb base form + complement
- b. Subject + did not + verb in past + complement

**3. question (other verbs)**

- a. Was/Were + did + subject + complement?
- b. Did+ subject + verb base form + complement?