

# ★ ALL STARS ★ GRAMMAR CHECKS: THE PAST

There are about 100 English past irregular verbs in the affirmative. The verb changes from the base verb except when it is in the negative!

**I SAW A GHOST.**

**I DIDN'T SEE A GHOST.**

There are questions about OBJECTS in the past, where the verb does not change:

**WHO DID YOU SEE?** I SAW GEORGE.

**WHERE DID YOU GO?** I WENT HOME.

**WHY DID HE DO THAT?** HE DID IT FOR MONEY.

**HOW DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?** I SLEPT WELL.

There are questions about SUBJECTS in the past, where the verb does change:

**WHO CAME TO THE PARTY?** BILL CAME TO THE PARTY.

**WHO DID THIS?** SUSAN DID THIS.

**WHO BOUGHT THIS?** JILL BOUGHT IT.

## PRACTICE: THE IRREGULAR PAST VERBS!

Answer these questions about the conversations

1) Where did the man go last night?

- a) He went to the park.
- b) He drove to the beach.

2) What did she do in Brazil?

- a) She went in the Amazon.
- b) She put on some weight.

3) What did the man eat?

- a) He tried the new pasta.
- b) He ate some pizza.

4) What does the woman say about her car?

- a) She took out a loan.
- b) She paid 50 thousand in cash.

Now, pay attention to CONVERSATION 4. Fill in the gaps with the verbs you perceive from the audio in the past form:

**Man:** What \_\_\_\_ you do over the holidays?

**Woman:** Not much. I \_\_\_\_\_ a new car, though.

**Man:** Really? What \_\_\_\_ you buy?

**Woman:** I bought a new Lexus. It is so nice.

**Man:** Can I ask? How much \_\_\_\_\_ you pay for it?

**Woman:** It \_\_\_\_\_ about 50,000 dollars. I \_\_\_\_\_ out a loan though.

**Man:** Wow! You \_\_\_\_\_ a lot! I think I \_\_\_\_\_ about 5,000 pounds for my car, but I bought it used.

**Woman:** Yeah, I really \_\_\_\_\_ a new car. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ what I paid for though.

Is there any verb that caught your attention? We know irregular verbs change randomly but... What about those that DO NOT change? Let's revise our study guide! (page 38)

