

The past simple questions and short answers



Questions

Did I learn?
Did you learn?
Did he learn?
Did she learn?
Did it learn?
Did we learn?
Did you learn?
Did they learn?

Short answers

Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Yes, he did .	No, he didn't .
Yes, she did .	No, she didn't .
Yes, it did .	No, it didn't .
Yes, we did .	No, we didn't .
Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Yes, they did .	No, they didn't .

The formation of questions and short answers in the past simple is the same for most regular and irregular verbs.

2 Write the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 I / did / eat / breakfast / ?

Did I eat breakfast?

2 like the film / Sally / did / ?

3 did / visit your cousins / you / last week / ?

4 Polly and Heidi / did / go to school / ?

5 did / have fun / at the party / you / ?

2 Write questions in the past simple. Then write short answers.

1 you / go to school / yesterday / ? / ✓

Did you go to school yesterday? Yes, I did.

2 your father / work / last Saturday / ? / ✗

3 it / rain / last week / ? / ✗

4 your friends / walk to school / this morning / ? / ✓

5 you / have a maths lesson / yesterday / ? / ✓

6 we / play a new game / today / ? / ✓

7 Jess / watch a film / last night / ? / ✗

8 you / finish this exercise / quickly / ? / ✓

3 Write questions and short answers for each sentence.

1 I didn't paint a picture.

Did you paint a picture? No, I didn't.

2 We looked at maps.

3 The teacher talked about Africa.

4 We didn't watch a film.

5 The class listened to a CD.

6 I liked the lessons at school today.

4 Look at Molly's diary. Write questions about her week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	start homework	wait for the bus	paint a picture	visit Grandma
Afternoon	watch a film	listen to a CD	visit the museum	finish homework
Evening	play tennis	cook with Mum	walk to the shops	stay with Sally

- 1 start her homework on Monday afternoon

Did Molly start her homework on Monday afternoon?

- 2 finish her homework on Thursday afternoon

- 3 visit the museum on Wednesday morning

- 4 play tennis on Tuesday evening

- 5 cook with Mum on Tuesday evening

- 6 walk to the shops on Wednesday morning

- 7 visit Grandma on Thursday morning

- 8 paint a picture on Wednesday evening

5 Write answers to the questions in exercise 3. If you write **No, she didn't, write a correct sentence.**

- 1 No, she didn't. She started her homework on Monday morning.

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What, where and when



We use the question words **what**, **where** and **when** to find out more information about things. The question word goes at the beginning of the sentence.

Use **what** to talk about things.

What did you watch last night? A film.

Use **where** to talk about places.

Where did you go yesterday? To the park.

Use **when** to talk about times.

When did the party start? At six o'clock.



6 Circle the correct question word.

- 1 **When** / **What** did you eat for dinner last night? Pizza.
- 2 **Where** / **What** did you watch the film? At the cinema.
- 3 **When** / **Where** did Kate have lunch yesterday? At midday.
- 4 **Where** / **What** did Kevin learn at school yesterday? Maths.
- 5 **When** / **Where** did you go on holiday? England.
- 6 **When** / **Where** did you go on holiday? Last month.
- 7 **Where** / **What** did you do at the weekend? We played football.
- 8 **Where** / **When** did you go on holiday? The beach.
- 9 **When** / **Where** did you do your homework? After school.

7 Complete these sentences using **When**, **What** or **Where**.

- 1 What did Kate do last Monday?
- 2 _____ did Andy clean the kitchen?
- 3 _____ did Pete go on Friday night?
- 4 _____ did Julia go to the dentist?
- 5 _____ did Greg do on Thursday evening?
- 6 _____ did you have for breakfast?
- 7 _____ did you go last night?
- 8 _____ did you eat lunch?