

Past Simple (Regular/Irregular Verbs)

Short Answers

For short answers we only use Yes or No, the subject and the auxiliary verb did/didn't. We do not repeat the whole question.

Q Did you go to the cinema? Yes, I did. No, I didn't.

He/She/It/We/You Yes, I/we did. No, I/we didn't.

He/She/It/We/You Yes, he/she/it did. No, he/she/it didn't.

He/She/It/We/You Yes, they did. No, they didn't.

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple.



Yesterday the Carter family 1) ...went... (go) camping in the countryside. They 2) (find) a nice place by a river. Mr Carter 3) (put up) the tent. After that they 4) (eat) some sandwiches and cakes. Then, Mr Carter 5) (show) Sam and Pamela how to fish. Mrs Carter 6) (pick) some flowers, and their dog 7) (swim) in the river. They all 8) (have) a very good time.

Read the text in ex. 7 again and in pairs, ask and answer questions as in the example.

the Carter family / go shopping?

SA: Did the Carter family go shopping?

SB: No, they didn't. They went camping.

2) they / find / a nice place for their tent?

3) Mrs Carter / put up / the tent?

4) they / eat / hamburgers and biscuits?

5) Mr Carter / show the children / how to fish?

6) Mrs Carter / swim in the river?

7) they / have a good time?

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Anna's mother left a list of things for Anna to do. Now she is talking to Anna on the phone. Look at the list and fill in the gaps with the correct verb in the past simple. Give short answers.

✓	go to the supermarket	✓
✓	post the letters	✗
✓	go to the baker's	✗
✓	feed Blacky	✓
✓	take him for a walk	✓
✓	make the beds	✓
✓	water the plants	✗
✓	wash the dishes	✓

Mother: Hello, Anna.

Anna: Hi, Mum.

Mother: Did you do the things I asked you to do?

Anna: I did some of them but not all of them.

Mother: So, 1) ...did you go... to the supermarket?

Anna: 2), but I 3) to the baker's.

Mother: That's all right. 4) the letters?

Anna: 5)

Mother: 6) the beds?

Anna: 7), and I also 8) the dishes.

Mother: Good! What about the dog?

Anna: I 9) Blacky and then I

10) him for a walk.

Mother: 11) the plants?

Anna: 12)

Mother: It doesn't matter. I'm glad you did all those things.

Anna: To tell you the truth Mum, Grandma came and helped me!

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Put the verbs in brackets into present simple, present continuous or past simple.

1 Tina ...is washing... (wash) her car at the moment.

2 Alex (phone) me yesterday evening.

3 "..... (you/watch) the football match on TV last night?"

"No, I (not/like) football very much."

4 Father (read) his newspaper now. He always (read) it in the evening.

5 They often (go) to the beach last year.