

Past Tense - Questions

Yes/No Questions and Short Answers			
Affirmative	Use did as the "helping verb."	Did you cook dinner last night?	Yes, I did . No, I didn't .
		Did she move to Ottawa?	Yes, she did . No, she didn't .
		Did the neighbours visit yesterday?	Yes, they did . No, they didn't .
Negative	Use didn't as the "helping verb."	Didn't the light work ?	Yes, it did . No, it didn't .
		Didn't you watch the movie?	Yes, I did . No, I didn't .
		Didn't we pass them earlier?	Yes, we did . No, we didn't .

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PRACTICE

Fill in the blanks to write yes/no questions.
Write the short affirmative and negative answers.

Examples:

Did you clean the house? [you, clean] Didn't they sell their car? [they, not sell]
Yes, I did. Yes, they did.
No, I didn't. No, they didn't.

1. _____ at home? [they, study]

Yes, _____.

No, _____.



2. _____ soccer growing up? [he, play]

Yes, _____.

No, _____.



3. _____ your clothes? [your mother, not wash]

Yes, _____.

No, _____.



4. _____ his parents? [he, visit]

Yes, _____.

No, _____.



5. _____ dinner for her friends? [she, not cook]

Yes, _____.

No, _____.



6. _____ a calculator to solve the problem? [you, use]

a. Yes, _____.

b. No, _____.



Information Questions			
Use did or didn't and the verb in the simple form (no -ed ending). question word + did + subject + base verb	Who	Who did you ask?	I asked the teacher.
	What	What did she bake ?	She baked muffins.
	Where	Where did they live ?	They lived on Bank Street.
	When	When did he move ?	He moved last month.
	How	How did they find a restaurant?	They looked online.
	Why	Why didn't you try the soup?	I tried the soup last time and I didn't like it.
When who or what is the subject Who/What + Verb	Who and What as subject	Who cooked dinner last night?	My father (cooked dinner last night).
		What played at the movie theatre last night?	The Lion King (played at the movie theatre).

2 PRACTICE Select the question word from the list below to complete the question. Fill in the answer in the simple present.

What	Where	When	Who	How	Why
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Example:

Who cleaned the washroom?
The custodian cleaned the washroom.

- _____ did you **live**?
a. I _____ in Centretown.
- _____ **cooked** dinner for your family?
a. My grandmother _____ dinner.
- _____ did you **talk** to this morning?
a. I _____ to my brother.
- _____ did you **shop** for groceries?
a. I _____ at Sobeys.
- _____ sports did you **play** as a child?
a. I _____ hockey and soccer.
- _____ did you **move** to Canada?
a. I _____ to Canada three years ago.
- _____ month did you **start** school in?
a. I _____ school in February.
- _____ did she **cross** the road?
a. She _____ the road to pick up the mail.
- _____ did he **learn** to drive?
a. He _____ to drive in Driver's Education.
- _____ **passed** the test?
a. He _____ the test.

