

GRAMMAR: PAST SIMPLE NEGATIVES

For the verb *be*, past simple negatives are *wasn't* / *weren't*.

I *wasn't* in Russia in March. I *was* in London for work.

People *weren't* very friendly.

For other verbs, use *didn't* + verb.

I *didn't go out* for dinner. I *didn't get* any flowers. Nobody said nice things to me.

Some of my friends *swam* in the sea, but I *didn't*.

1. Write the negative form of the past simple verbs in brackets:

1. I _____ much on Sunday. (did)
2. I _____ till 11. (got up)
3. I wanted to have breakfast, but there _____ any coffee or bread. (was)
4. I went to the shop, but I _____ my keys. (took)
5. The shops _____ open. It was a holiday! (were)
6. I tried to call my neighbor, but he _____. (answered)
7. I went to a café and I had a coffee, but then I saw that I _____ any money! (had)
8. I went back to my flat. I broke a window to get in. I _____ again after that. (went out)

2. Replace the words *in italics* using not very + the words in brackets.

Example: We went to bed *early*. (late)

We *didn't go to bed very late*.

2. The hotel was *expensive*. (cheap)
3. We got back *late*. (early)
4. People were *unfriendly*. (friendly)
5. There was *nothing* to do. (much)
6. We bought *few* things. (many)
7. We stayed a *short* time. (long)
8. My parents were *annoyed*. (happy)