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GRADE 8 UNIT 4 | GOING PLACES

GRAMMAR Past Simple Negative & Questions

A. Read the basic grammar for the Past Simple Negative of Questions.

Past simple negative & questions

We use *didn't* (*did not*) with the infinitive to make the negative form of the past simple.
*The train **didn't go** through the tunnel.*
*You **didn't take** the ferry to France.*
We use *did* with the infinitive to make questions.
***Did** he **fly** across Asia? Yes, he **did**. No, he **didn't**.*
Remember to use the infinitive, not the past simple form.
*She **didn't see** the film.* NOT ~~*She didn't saw ...*~~
***Did** you **go** to the park?* NOT ~~*Did you went ...*~~

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B. Read the article about Joff Summerfield and write the question in the past simple form. (5 marks)

1. What did Joff ride on?
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Around the world ... on a penny farthing!

Joff Summerfield cycled around the world to raise money for charity. But he didn't make his journey on a mountain bike!

1 what / Joff / ride on?
He rode on a penny farthing bicycle. This was a copy of an original bicycle from the 1880s.
2 when / he / start his journey?
He left London on 1st May 2006.
3 what / he / take with him?
He took some clothes, a tent, a stove and a sleeping bag. That's all!
4 how many countries / he / travel through?
He travelled through 24 different countries, including India, China, the USA and Australia.
5 how far / he / cycle?
He cycled about 35,500 kilometres.
6 how long / his journey / take?
It took two and a half years. By plane it takes under 50 hours!

C. Correct the following sentence about Joff Summerfield. (5 marks)

1. Joff drove around the world on a motorbike.
   Joff didn't drive a motorbike. He cycled on a penny farthing.
2. He started his journey in Paris.
3. He took lots of things with him.
4. Joff cycled through 20 countries.
5. He cycled about 3,500 kilometres.
6. His journey took three and a half years.

D. Listen and complete the conversation. Use the past simple affirmative, negative and question forms. Use the contracted forms. (14 marks)

Adam: [1] **Did** you **have** a good weekend, Lola? **(have)**

Lola: No, I [2] . It [3] terrible. **(be)** I [4] it with my American cousin Erin. **(spend)**

Adam: So what [5] you on Saturday? **(do)**

Lola: We [6] along the river and I [7] Erin the town centre. **(walk, show)** She [8] very interested. **(be)**

Adam: Oh dear! And where [9] you in the evening? **(be)** I [10] you but you [11] . **(call, answer)**

Lola: Oh sorry. We [12] at an Indian restaurant. **(be)** Erin [13] the food, of course! **(hate)**

Adam: So why are you tired this morning?

Lola: I [14] last night. **(sleep)** My cousin's staying in the room next to mine. And guess what? She likes British TV! She [15] her TV until one o'clock! **(turn off)**

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