

Grammar

Simple Past: Irregular Verbs

Simple past irregular verbs do not end in *-d* or *-ed*. Here are some examples:

become →

begin →

choose →

give →

go →

have →

rise →

sing →

take →

Simple present

Tourists often **take** pictures.

Simple past

We **took** pictures in Hawaii last year.

For negative statements, use *did + not* + the base form of a verb.

Affirmative past

We **had** fun yesterday.

Negative past

We **did not** have fun yesterday.

did not → **didn't**

To make *Yes/No questions*, begin the question with *Did* + subject + the base form of a verb.

Did the lava **begin** to flow this morning? Yes, it **did**. OR No, it **didn't**.

To make *Wh- questions*, begin the question with a question word such as *When* + *did* + the base form of a verb.

When **did** the lava **begin** to flow? It **began** to flow this morning.

Don't use *did* if *Who* is the subject of the question.

Who **saw** the volcano erupt? We all **saw** the volcano erupt.

Practice A

Complete the sentences with the irregular past form of the verb in parentheses.

1. The tourists _____ during the boat tour yesterday. (sing)
2. We _____ to stay on the Big Island last year. (choose)
3. The eruption _____ a lot of noise. (make)
4. Clouds of steam _____ from the ocean. (rise)
5. The lava _____ a hard, black rock. (become)



Practice B

Use the sentences from Practice A to make negative simple past statements. Write in your notebooks.

1. The tourists didn't sing during the boat tour yesterday.

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Complete each sentence with the correct simple past form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1.** The lava made the seawater boil. (make)
- 2.** The lava cooled and _____ rock. (become)
- 3.** I _____ a book about the Hawaiian Islands. (read)
- 4.** _____ the tour guide _____ you about what happens when the lava hits the water? (tell)
- 5.** There _____ any big eruptions when I was on Big Island. (not, be)
- 6.** The eruption _____ large rocks high into the air. (throw)
- 7.** The animals _____ away from the lava flow. (run)
- 8.** We _____ any plants on the new black rock. (not, see)
- 9.** The lava _____ down the side of the volcano very quickly. (come)
- 10.** Where _____ your family _____ on vacation? (go)