

Past Simple: Negative form

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1 Read and complete the table.

didn't know

Past Simple Negative

The past simple negative is **did not (didn't)** + the base form of the verb. We don't use the past form of the verb, because **did/didn't** shows that it is in the past. The form is the same for all subjects.
Caution: Don't use the **-ed** or irregular past form. Don't use **did/didn't** with **be**. The past simple of **be** is **was/were**.

Past Simple Negative

I didn't (1)..... that the sun god's name was Helios.

The gods of ancient Greece (2)..... live in the sky.

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2 Read and circle the correct options.

- 1 Long ago, people **build** / **built** huge temples.
- 2 They **didn't** / **don't** live in the temples.
- 3 They **make** / **made** them for their gods.
- 4 Today, many people **travel** / **traveled** from far away to see ancient temples.
- 5 They **didn't** / **don't** believe in the gods.
- 6 They **want** / **wanted** to learn about ancient cultures.



3 Complete the first sentences with the past simple negative.

1 Helios was a man. → Helios a man. He was a

.....

2 He controlled the ocean. → He the ocean.

He controlled the

3 He drove a car. → He a car. He drove a

4 Helios had wings. → Helios wings. His
had wings.

5 His horses walked. → His horses They

✦ Look and complete the second sentences with the correct words.

chariot flew god horses sun



Helios: ancient Greek god of the sun

