The past simple tense: questions

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a **Study these rules.**

> **To make questions in the past tense we use:**
> **did + subject + verb stem**
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> **Did** he go to London?
> **Did** they play football?
> When **did** she leave?
> How **did** he die?
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> Note: we use the verb stem, **not** the past form of the verb.
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> **The past tense is the same for all persons.**

b **Complete the questions for the answers.**

1 Where ..... last night?
She went to London.

2 ..... football yesterday?
No, he didn't.

3 What ..... ?
He sang 'Blue Suede Shoes'.

4 What .....
I bought a record.

5 What time ..... ?
I got up at nine o'clock.

6 What colour ..... her bedroom?
She painted it blue.

7 ..... a good time on your holidays?
Yes, we had a great time.

8 When ..... your homework?
I did it yesterday.

9 ..... Matthew at the party?
No, I didn't see him.

10 Where .....
He lived in Memphis.

Buddy Holly

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a **Read this information about Buddy Holly.**

Charles Hardin Holly came from Lubbock, Texas. He was born on 7 September 1936. He made his first hit record in summer 1957. In February 1959 he died in a plane crash. In that short time he had seven hit singles and made two albums. But Holly wasn't just a singer. He was the first singer/songwriter in pop music. He wrote 33 songs. He played with a group called the Crickets. Their first hit record was 'That'll be the Day'. In February 1958 the Crickets went to Australia and then to Britain. In August 1958 Buddy Holly married Maria Elena Santiago. Later that year, Holly moved to New York. On 2 February 1959 he gave his last concert in Clear Lake, Iowa. That night, on 3 February, his plane crashed.

b **Here is part of an interview about Buddy Holly. Complete the questions.**

Where ..... ?
Lubbock, Texas.

..... ?
On 7 September 1936.

..... ?
In summer 1957.

How ..... ?
In a plane crash.

How many ..... ?
Seven. He also made two albums.

What ..... special ..... ?
He was the first singer/songwriter in pop music.

..... ?
Thirty-three.

Who ..... ?
A group called the Crickets.

..... any other countries?
Yes, they went to Australia and Britain.

..... ?
In February 1958.

Who .....?
Her name was Maria Elena Santiago.

Where ..... concert?
In Clear Lake, Iowa.

..... ?
On 3 February 1959.