

We use the past tense to talk about:

- something that happened **once in the past**:

I **met** my wife in 1983.

We (**go**) to Spain for our holidays.

They **got** home very late last night.

- something that happened **several times in the past**:

When I was a boy, I (**walk**) a mile to school every day.

We **swam** a lot while we were on holiday.

They always (**enjoy**) visiting their friends.

- something that was **true** in the past:

I **lived** abroad for ten years.

He **enjoyed** being a student.

She **played** a lot of tennis when she was younger.

Past simple questions and negatives

We use to make questions with the past simple:

*Did she **play** tennis when she was younger?*

*Did you (**live**) abroad?*

*When **did** you **meet** your wife?*

*Where **did** you **go** for your holidays?*

But questions with *who* often *did*:

***Who discovered** penicillin?*

***Who** (**write**) Don Quixote?*

We use **didn't (did not)** and the
with the past simple

form of verbs to make **negatives**

*They **didn't go** to Spain this year.*

*We **(not get)** home until very late last night.*

*I **didn't see** you yesterday.*