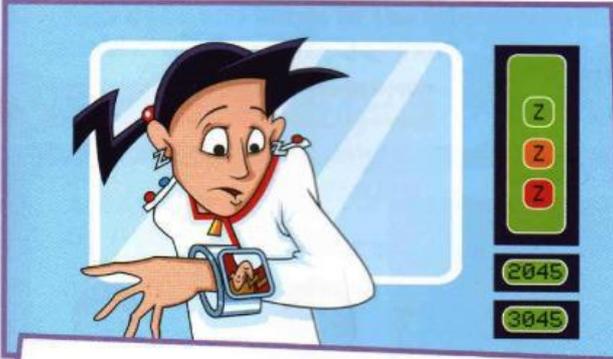


»»» Talk about what didn't happen in the past

READ »»» Grammar in context

1 Read the end of the comic book. Find out where Zadie went. Was it a good place?



Zadie was bored and her friends didn't have time to be with her. She got in her time machine. On this day she didn't go to the past.



But the future Z-land didn't look good. She didn't stay. Zadie didn't want to travel again. She stayed in 2045.

STUDY

2 Complete the explanation. Then write examples from Exercise 1.

**Past simple**

X Negative regular and irregular verbs  
I/you/she, etc \_\_\_\_\_ + verb

Her friends didn't have time to be with her.  
On this day she \_\_\_\_\_ to the past.  
The future Z-land \_\_\_\_\_ good.  
Zadie \_\_\_\_\_ to travel again.

See GRAMMAR DATABASE, page 128.

**Get it right**

Don't use the past form after *didn't*.  
~~didn't had~~ ~~didn't have~~  
~~didn't wanted~~ ~~didn't want~~

Remember: The past simple negative of *be* is *wasn't/weren't*.

PRACTISE

- 3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.
- Zadie *had* / didn't have homework, so she listened to music.
  - She *ate* / *didn't eat* lunch because she wasn't hungry.
  - Later she *visited* / *didn't visit* Zuni and they watched a film.
  - The film was terrible and they *liked* / *didn't like* it.
  - Then they *knew* / *didn't know* what to do, so Zadie went home.
  - She *went* / *didn't go* to bed and dreamed of ...

4 Complete the description. Use the past simple negative of the correct verb.

eat go live look travel wear

In Zadie's dream she (1) didn't live in 2045 – it was the year 2015.  
She (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to computer school – she studied at a real school with teachers.  
The students (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in flying cars – they used bikes.  
They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ clothes like hers – they all had trousers and shirts.  
They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ superfood for lunch – they had pizza and chips.  
But they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ sad – they were happy.

5 Write sentences with the past simple negative.

I had a dream last night. In my dream ...

- I didn't have black hair and brown eyes. I had green hair and pink eyes.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ in England. I lived in India.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ many people. I only knew my parents.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to school by car. I went to school on a horse.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ bread for breakfast. I ate rice.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ every day. In fact, it never rained!



WRITE AND SPEAK

6 a You had a dream. Write three to five sentences about your dream. What was different about you or your life?

I didn't ... I ...

b Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your dream.

I had a dream last night.

Tell me about it.

Well, I didn't ...