8 Negatives with past simple



Language focus

Negatives with past simple are formed with **did** + **not** + **infinitive**.

*Carla **didn't go** to the party because she had lots of homework.*

The forms are the same for every person: **I**, **you**, **he**, **she**, **we**, **they**.

1 **Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box in the negative form of the past simple.**

eat swim speak drink spend ~~go~~

I had a great time with my family in Spain because …

1 I didn't go to bed too late. I got a good night's sleep every night.

2 I _____ too much food. I ate just the right amount.

3 I _____ sugary drinks. I drank water instead.

4 I _____ in the sea in the hottest part of the day. I went in the morning before it got too hot.

5 I _____ lots of money on silly souvenirs. I saved my money for a beautiful book.

6 I _____ English all the time. I learned some Spanish so I could make friends with people.

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2 Put the past simple verbs into the negative form.

Can I tell you about our trip around the world?

(1) We travelled to so many countries. We didn't travel to so many countries.

(2) We saw the Taj Majal in India. _____

(3) We ate tapas in Spain. _____

(4) We walked in the Outback in Australia. _____

(5) We had a great time! _____

(6) We flew to Brazil for the Rio Carnival. _____

(7) We drove to Argentina to see Buenos Aires.

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(8) We liked it there. _____

(9) In China, we took photographs of the Great Wall.

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(10) In Turkey, we loved the cities of Istanbul and Izmir.

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I can't wait for our next adventure. We're going to Egypt!



3 Match the sentence halves.

1 We went to the cinema to see a new film	a but I didn't play football. It was too hot for me.
2 Mick and Andy had a great time in Germany	b but I didn't send one to Grandma. I forgot! She wasn't happy with me.
3 I went to the park with my friends on Sunday	c but they didn't like it very much. They said it was too noisy at night!
4 My brother went to Chile last summer	d but Mo didn't like it. 'I don't like fantasy films,' he said.
5 I sent postcards home from our trip	e but he didn't visit the capital, Santiago. He stayed in a place called Valparaíso.
6 My sisters stayed in a hotel near the beach	f but they didn't have good weather there. They said it rained almost every day!

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