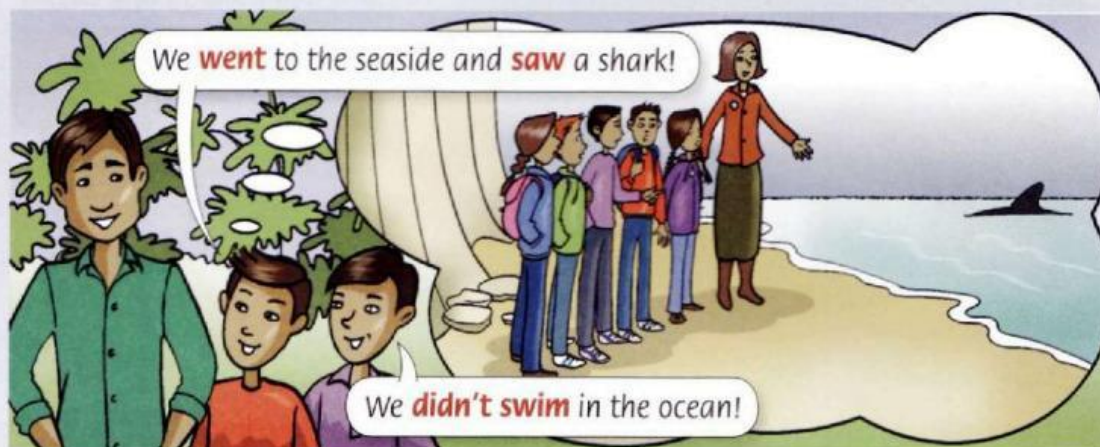


3 We saw a shark!

The past simple (2): irregular verbs

Past simple affirmative and negative: irregular verbs



Many common verbs have an irregular past simple form in the affirmative. You already know **was/were** and **had**. Here are some others:

Verb	buy	eat	fly	go	hear	make	see	think
Past simple	bought	ate	flew	went	heard	made	saw	thought

For most regular and irregular verbs, we form the past simple negative with **didn't** + base form. See page 80 for a list of irregular verbs.

*We **didn't** look at the postcards. Amy **didn't** go to the museum.*

Remember that the third person form of the past simple doesn't change in the affirmative or negative. The exception is the verb **be** (**was, were, wasn't, weren't**).

1 Match 1–8 with the word endings to make irregular past simple verbs.

- 1 heard
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
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2 Write the past simple of the verbs in the box into the correct list.

~~ask~~ have hear live hate wait go eat

Regular

asked

Irregular

3 Circle the correct verb form.

- 1 We ~~eated~~ / ate lunch very early.
- 2 Eric ~~saw~~ / ~~seen~~ a robot at the exhibition.
- 3 Holly ~~heard~~ / ~~heared~~ the music.
- 4 Jasper and Ryan ~~buyed~~ / ~~bought~~ a sandwich.
- 5 I ~~went~~ / ~~goed~~ to school yesterday.
- 6 Jamie ~~make~~ / ~~made~~ breakfast this morning.
- 7 The birds ~~flew~~ / ~~flied~~ away.
- 8 The scientist ~~thinked~~ / ~~thought~~ about the question.

4 Look at exercise 3. Write negative sentences.

- 1 We didn't eat lunch very early.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

5 Complete the text. Use the past simple of the verb in brackets.

Olly and I ¹ went (go) to a lovely old village last weekend.
It ² _____ (not be) very far away. We ³ _____ (buy) some
cheese, bread and fruit, and we ⁴ _____ (think) about having
a picnic near the river. We ⁵ _____ (not have) very much water.
Olly ⁶ _____ (see) a shop but it ⁷ _____ (be) closed. We
⁸ _____ (eat) our food and ⁹ _____ (fall asleep) under the trees.