



Section 4 - Language Focus

Unit 1. Going to a National Park

- a. Study how to make questions and negative sentences using past tense.

Sometimes we need to ask about people's experiences in the past. In this case, we can make questions using past tense. For example, we can ask:

- Question: Did you go to the national park?
Answer: Yes, I did.
- Question: When did you go to the national park?
Answer: I went there a week ago.
- Question: How did you go there?
Answer: I went there by bus.

In first example, the question starts with 'Did'. This type of question can be answered with 'Yes' or 'No'.

Question word 'when' In second question is to ask for information about time.

Question word 'how' in third question is to ask for information about in what ways.

In answering the questions, we can use positive or negative sentences.

Positive sentences:

- Yes, I went to the national park.
- I went to the national park.
- I went there by bus.

Negative sentences:

- No, I didn't go to the national park.
- I didn't go to the national park a week ago.
- I didn't go there by bus.

Didn't is a contraction form of **did not**. Did + not is used with all subjects in negative past tense.



b. Construct questions with the words provided below. Number one has been done for you.

1. she / go / for a school trip / last month
Did she go for a school trip last month?
2. where / the students / go / for a school trip
3. what / they / see / at the national park
4. how / they / go / to the national park
5. they / take notes / about the plants
6. when / they / finish / the trip
7. what / the students / observe / at the national park
8. who / take notes / about the plants
9. did / they / see / many flowers and trees
10. how many / students / go / to the national park

c. Construct negative sentences with the words provided below.

1. She / go / to the national park
She did not go to the national park.
2. They / go / by car
3. She / take note / about the flowers
4. He / bring / a clipboard
5. It / rain / at the national park
6. He / write / a report about the trip
7. We / see / rare plants in the garden
8. You / buy / souvenirs at the park
9. They / feel / tired after the journey
10. I / eat / lunch near the lake



d. Change the following sentences into the Simple Past Tense.

1. She goes to the national park.
She went to the national park
2. They go by car.
3. She takes notes about the flowers.
4. He brings a clipboard.
5. It rains at the national park.
6. He writes a report about the trip.
7. We see rare plants in the garden.
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