RULE SHEET

Simple past: questions and negatives



In the simple past, questions and negatives use **did** and the **infinitive** (the base form: play, go): She played. → She **didn't play**. → **Did** she **play**? Irregular verbs work the same way: They went. → They **didn't go**. → **Did** they **go**?

Positive, negative, question

	positive	negative	question and short answer
regular	I **watched** a film.	I **didn't watch** a film.	**Did** you **watch** a film? – Yes, I **did**.
irregular	She **went** home.	She **didn't go** home.	**Did** she **go** home? – No, she **didn't**.
be	It **was** cold. They **were** late.	It **wasn't** cold. They **weren't** late.	**Was** it cold? – Yes, it **was**. **Were** they late? – No, they **weren't**.

Questions with question words

- **Where did** you **go**? – To the beach.
- **What did** Leo **buy**? – A new game.
- **When did** the film **start**? – At eight.
- **Who did** you **meet**? – My cousin.
- **Why were** you late? – The bus didn't come.

Careful! After **did** and **didn't**, use the **infinitive**: Did you **see** it? Not: Did you saw it? · With **was** and **were**, there is no did: **Were** you at home? Not: Did you be at home?

PRACTICE 1

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Negatives with didn't

1 Write the negative with didn't.

Example: We played football. → We _____ football. → *didn't play*

1. I liked the film. → I _____ the film.
2. Mia went to the party. → Mia _____ to the party.
3. They saw the whale. → They _____ the whale.
4. Leo bought a new bike. → Leo _____ a new bike.
5. We had pizza. → We _____ pizza.
6. The film started at six. → The film _____ at six.

2 Tick the correct verb.

1. She didn't _____ the bus. ○ catch ○ caught
2. Did you _____ your homework? ○ did ○ do
3. We didn't _____ the answer. ○ know ○ knew
4. Did Tom _____ the window? ○ broke ○ break
5. They didn't _____ in the sea. ○ swim ○ swam
6. Did the dog _____ your sandwich? ○ ate ○ eat