

UNIT 18 Past simple (*I didn't go, Did you go...?*) Form (2)

A

The negative form of the past simple is formed by inserting the auxiliary **did** (the same for all persons) and the negation **not** between the subject and the base form of the verb.

Negative full form

I / You / He / She / It / We / They did not go to the park yesterday

Negative short form

I / You / He / She / It / We / They didn't go to the park yesterday.

Full negative form: Subject + **did** + **not** + base form of verb.

Short negative form: Subject + **didn't** + base form of verb

The short form is the most common.

I didn't like the film.

We didn't take the bus. We went by taxi.

B

Interrogative

Did I / you / he / she / it / we / they go to the park yesterday?

Negative questions

Didn't I / you / he / she / it / we / they go to the park yesterday?

Interrogative form: **Did** + subject + base form of verb

Did you take any photos of the baby?

Did the plane land on time.

In negative questions, the short form **didn't** comes before the subject.

Didn't you know the answer?

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Short answers are formed using:

Yes, + subject pronoun + **did**.

No, + subject pronoun + **didn't**.

'Did you sleep well?' 'Yes, I did.'

'Did they buy any souvenirs?' 'No, they didn't.'

D

Wh- questions are formed using: Question word + **did** + subject + base form of verb

'When did your father arrive?' 'He arrived two hours ago.'

'Why didn't you wait for me?' 'Because I was in a hurry.'

E

NB: In the past simple, the verb **have** (in all its meanings) requires the auxiliary **did**. **Got** is never used in the past simple.

Affirmative

I had a cat when I was little.

Negative

I didn't have a dog.

Interrogative

Did you have any pets?

He didn't have a driving licence when he was in the States. (Not: He didn't have got...)

'Did you have a good time at the party?' 'Yes, we did.'

Student's notes

EXERCISES

Past simple – Form (2) **UNIT 18**

NAME: student code **DATE:** / /

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18.1 Rewrite the sentences using the negative form. Use the short form.

- 1 They went to Paris on a cheap day return.
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- 2 We had a good time on the voyage to Greece.
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- 3 The travel agent gave us a brochure about the package deal.
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- 4 The fate to New Zealand cost a lot.
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- 5 My friend put us up at her place.
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- 6 The passengers thought the airline was excellent.
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- 7 I enjoyed the meal in the sushi bar.
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18.2 Use the words to write questions in the past simple. Then complete the short answers.

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| 1 you / enjoy / the flight | No, |
| 2 your mum / stay / in a bed and breakfast | Yes, |
| 3 the customs officials / explain / everything | Yes, |
| 4 they / find / the tour of the capital interesting | No, |
| 5 you / go / surfing in Australia | Yes, |
| 6 the girls / catch / fish in the rock pools | No, |
| 7 he / see / an alligator in the Louisiana swamps | Yes, |

18.3 Yesterday, Joan set off for her holiday. Read the list of things she needed to do and write what she did and didn't do.

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| pack clothes ✓ | 1 | |
| remember passport ✓ | 2 | |
| give the taxi driver a tip × | 3 | |
| check in at eight ✓ | 4 | |
| buy some perfume × | 5 | |
| have a coffee at the airport × | 6 | |
| go through customs at nine ✓ | 7 | |
| board the plane ✓ | 8 | |

18.4 Answer the questions using the correct form of the past simple.

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| 1 What did you do yesterday afternoon? | 5 What did you have for breakfast this morning? |
| 2 Did you have a cat when you were small? | 6 Did you visit London last year? |
| 3 Where did you go for your holidays last year? | 7 What did you buy your friends for his / her birthday? |
| 4 Who did you see last weekend? | |

Teacher's observations