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The **Past Simple** is used to talk about things that happened or existed *before now*.

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Negative sentences

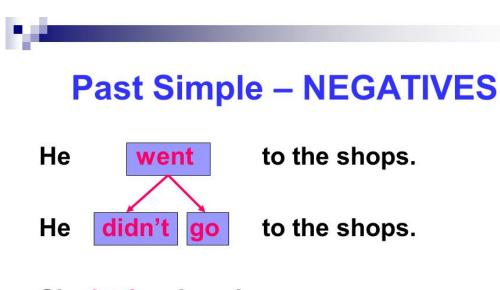We use negative forms of Past Simple to talk about *what we did not do in the past*.

Regular and irregular verbs

To make Past Simple negative sentences, we use:

did not (didn't) + base form of the verb ([infinitive](#) without 'to')

Singular	Plural
*I **did not (didn't) go***	*We **didn't go***
*You **did not (didn't) go***	*You **didn't go***
*He/she/It **did not (didn't) go***	*They **didn't go***

Past Simple – NEGATIVES

He **went** to the shops.

He **didn't** **go** to the shops.

She **had** a piano lesson.
She **didn't have** a piano lesson.

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- *I **didn't go** to school on Monday.*
- *Stefany **didn't like** the meal.*
- *He **didn't talk** to me yesterday.*

The verb 'be'

In Past Simple negative, the verb 'be' has two forms — **was not (wasn't)** or **were not (weren't)**:

Singular	Plural
*I **was not (wasn't)** happy*	*We **weren't** happy*
*You **were not (weren't)** happy*	*You **weren't** happy*
*He/she/it **was not (wasn't)** happy*	*They **weren't** happy*

- *I **wasn't** at home last night.*
- *Mary **wasn't** at school.*
- *They **weren't** happy.*

Questions in Past Simple

We use **Past Simple** tense to ask and answer questions about actions or events in the past.

Yes/No questions

To create a question that will be answered with a 'yes' or 'no', use '**did**' (or '**didn't**' for a negative question) + base form of the verb ([infinitive](#) without 'to').

Regular and irregular verbs

To ask questions using Past Simple, we use:

(question word) did + subject + verb

Singular	Plural
Did *I* ***go****?*	***Did*** *we* ***go****?*
Did *you* ***go****?*	***Did*** *you* ***go****?*
Did *he/she/it* ***go****?*	***Did*** *they* ***go****?*

- ***Did*** *you* ***go*** *to the supermarket? – No, I* ***didn't****.*
- ***Did*** *he* ***play*** *football? – Yes, he* ***did****.*
- ***Did*** *they* ***watch*** *a film? – No, they* ***didn't****.*

Note: we must use did / didn't with the verb do as well.

– Did she do her homework?
– Yes, she did, but she didn't do the dishes.

The verb 'be'

To ask questions using the verb '**be**', we use:

was / were + subject + the rest of the sentence

Singular	Plural
Was *I late?*	***Were*** *we late?*
Were *you late?*	***Were*** *you late?*
Was *he/she/it late?*	***Were*** *they late?*

- ***Was*** *she happy?*
- ***Was*** *Tom cold?*
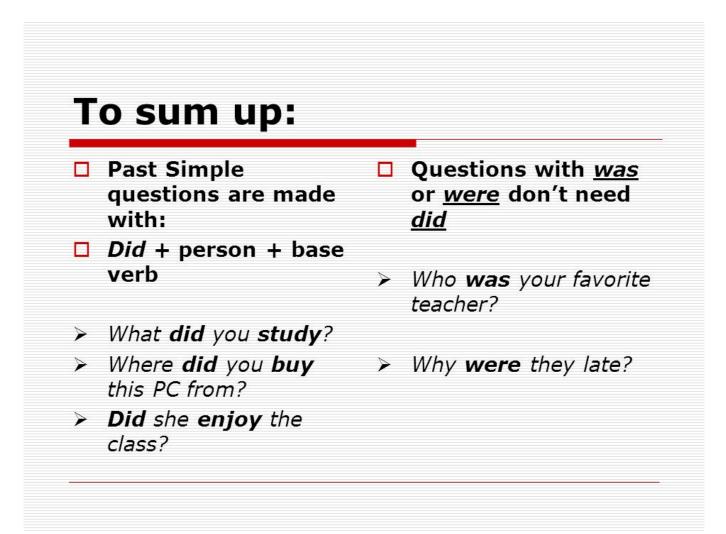- ***Were*** *they upset?*

Special questions

Special questions (also known as wh-questions) are questions that require more information in their answers. They are made using <u>wh- words</u> such as ***what, where, when, why, which, who, how, how many, how much***.

To make a special question, use the same word order as with yes-no questions but put a wh-word before the verb 'did'. The structure is:

wh-word + did + [subject] + verb

- *When **did** you **arrive**?*
- *Where **did** she **go**?*
- *Why **did** they **leave**?*
- *How **did** it **happen**?*

To sum up:

- **Past Simple questions are made with:**
- ***Did* + person + base verb**

  ➢ What **did** you **study**?
  ➢ Where **did** you **buy** this PC from?
  ➢ **Did** she **enjoy** the class?

- **Questions with _was_ or _were_ don't need _did_**

  ➢ Who **was** your favorite teacher?
  ➢ Why **were** they late?

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Here's a good video from GoEnglish explaining how to form and use negative and interrogative sentences in Past Simple:

Read more about Past Simple:

Past Simple: Statements

Present Perfect or Past Simple?

Past Simple Passive