

THE PAST SIMPLE

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The rule



V₂ → **V**₁ + **ed**

He was

He drank

He went

He played

**Yesterday, last week,
last month, last year, a
month ago....**

Example



I visited New York City a month ago.



James smoked for most of his life



He ate chicken yesterday

Questions

1. "Yes/no"

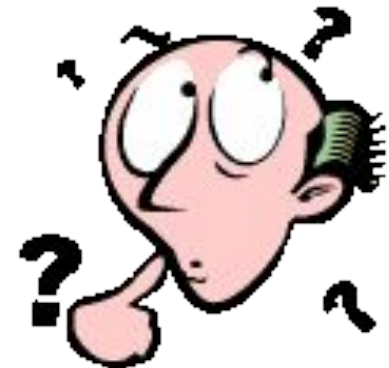


Did + V₁?

Did you find the answer?

Short answer

- Yes, I did.
- No, I did not (didn't).



Questions

2. "Wh" What film did you watch on TV last week?



3. "Who" Who spoke in the street?



Questions

4. "tag" He **came** home late, **didn't** he?



5. "or" Did you speak over the phone or not?



Negative

Did not (didn't) + V₁

He didn't answer the
question.





- 1. Yesterday evening I _____ (go) to the cinema with a friend.**
- 2. From 1995 to 1998 I _____ (work) in Tokyo.**
- 3. Last night the concert _____ (finish) at midnight.**
- 4. I _____ (arrive) at the office this morning before my colleagues.**
- 5. When he was young, Tom _____ (ride) a bicycle to school.**
- 6. The train was at 8 p.m. so I _____ (leave) home at 7 p.m.**
- 7. Last Sunday was my mother's birthday, so I _____ (make) a cake.**
- 8. I _____ (start) to play golf five years ago.**
- 9. The great composer Mozart _____ (die) at the age of 35.**

Read what Laura says about a typical working day:

I usually get up at 7 o'clock and have a big breakfast. I walk to work, which takes me about half an hour. I start work at 8.45. I never have lunch. I finish work at 5 o'clock. I'm always tired when I get home. I usually cook a meal in the evening. I don't usually go out. I go to bed at about 11 o'clock, and I always sleep well.

Transform into the Past Simple