

# THE PAST SIMPLE

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## The rule



**V<sub>2</sub>** → **V<sub>1</sub> + 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"

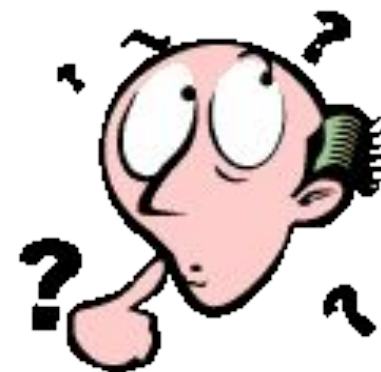


# Did + V<sub>1</sub>?

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) + V<sub>1</sub>**

**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**