

Lesson two : Past simple tense in English

Was/were

-Now Robert is at work. Last night , he **was** not at work.

-He was in bed.

-He was asleep.

***am/is ,(present). Was , (past).**

-I am tired (now) I **was** tired **last night**

-where is Kate? Where **was** Kate **yesterday?**

-The weather is good today The weather was good last week.

***are (present). Were (past)**

-You are late (Now) You **were** late **yesterday**

-They aren't here (Now) They **weren't** here last week

Positive

I, he, she, it	Was
We, you, they	Were

Questions

Was	I,he,she,it?
Were	We, you, they?

Negative

I,he,she,it	Was not (wasn't)
We,you,they	Were not (weren't)

-Last year Rachel **was** 22, so she is 23 now.

-When I **was** a child, I was scared of dogs.

-The hotel **was** comfortable, but wasn't expensive.

-Was the weather nice when you were on holidays?

-Why were you late this morning?

Short answers

Yes	I/he/she/it wasn't
Yes	We/you/they were

No	I/he/she/it wasn't
No	We/you/they weren't

-Were you late? **No, I wasn't.**

-Was Tom at work yesterday? **Yes, he was.**

-Were Sue and Steve at the party? **No, they weren't.**

Worked/got/went (past simple)

They watch TV every evening (present simple)

They **watched** TV yesterday evening (past simple)

-watched is the past simple

- The past simple is often –ed (regular verbs) .

Examples:

-I clean my teeth every morning. This morning I **cleaned** my teeth.

-Terry **worked** in a bank from 2005 to 2011;

-Yesterday it **rained** all morning. It stopped at lunchtime.

-We **enjoyed** the party last night. We **danced** a lot and talked to a lot of people.

Some examples of irregular verbs include :

begin → began	fall → fell	leave → left	sell → sold
break broke	find found	lose lost	sit sat
bring brought	fly flew	make made	sleep slept
build built	forget forgot	meet met	speak spoke
buy bought	get got	pay paid	stand stood
catch caught	give gave	put put	take took
come came	go went	read read (red)*	tell told
do did	have had	ring rang	think thought
drink drank	hear heard	say said	win won
eat ate	know knew	see saw	write wrote

-I didn't.....did you

We use did in past simple negatives and questions

Positive

I	Played
We	Started
You	Watched
They	Had
He	Saw
She	Did
It	went

Negative

I	Did not	Play
We	Didn't	Start
You		Watch
They		Have
He		See

She		Do
it		Go

Questions

Did	I	play?
	We	Start?
	You	Watch?
	They	have?
	He	See?
	She	Do?
	it	Go?

Do/does (present) did (past)

-I don't watch TV very often / I didn't watch TV yesterday

-Does she often go away?/ did she go away last week?

-we use did/didn't+ infinitive (watch/play/go..)

-I watched but I didn't watch

-They went but did they go?

-He had but didn't have

-You did but did you do?

* I played Tennis yesterday but I didn't win.

*We went to the cinema, but we didn't enjoy the film.

-Observe the word order in questions:

Did+subject+infinitive

	Did	Your sister	Call	You?
What	Did	You	Do	Last night?
How	Did	The accident	Happen?	
Where	did	Your parents	go	For their holiday?

Short answers

yes	I,we,you,they He/she/it	did
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No	I/we/you/they He/she/it	Didn't
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Examples:

-Did you see her yesterday? **No, I didn't**

-Did Helen come to the party? **No, she didn't.**

Practice:

A- Complete the sentences. Use a verb from the following: clean, die, enjoy, finish, happen, open, rain, start, stay, want.

1- I.....my teeth three times yesterday.

2- It was hot in the room, so Ithe window.

3- The film was very long. Itat 7:15 andat 10 am

- 4- When I was a child, Ito be a doctor
- 5- The accident.....last Sunday afternoon.
- 6- The weather is nice today, but yesterday itall day.
- 7- We.....our holiday last year. We.....at a very nice place.
- 8- Anna's grandfather.....when he was 90 years old.

B- Write the past simple of these verbs:

- 1- Get..... 2- See..... 3- Play..... 4- Pay.....
- 5- Visit..... 6- Buy..... 7- Go..... 8- Think.....
- 9- Copy..... 10- Know..... 11- Put
- 12- Speak.....

Key answers:

A- 1-Cleaned

2- Opened

3- Started/ Finished

4- Wanted

5- Happened

6- Rained

7- Enjoyed/stayed

8- Died

B- 1- Got, 2- Saw, 3- Played, 4- Paid,5- Visited, 6- Bought, 7- Went, 8- Thought,

9- Copied, 10- Knew, 11- Put, 12- Spoke.