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Past Simple

The second tense use in English language is Past simple tense which is important in any language, We use it to describe (**people, things, situation**) and indicate an action that start and end in past as :

1- something that happened **once in the past**:

I **met** my wife in 2010

We **went** to Egypt for our holidays.

They **got** home very late last night..

She **was talented**.

Ali and Ahmmad **were** in London when they met.

2- something that happened **several times in the past**:

When I was a boy, I walked a mile to school every day.

We swam a lot while we were on holiday.

They always enjoyed visiting their friends.

3- something that was **true for some time in the past**:

I **lived** abroad for six years.

He **enjoyed** being a pilot.

She **played** a lot of tennis when she was younger.

**Some points need to take care of it when work with past simple:**

- 1- **add (ed) to the Base form of regular verb as:** work/worked, talk/talked
- 2- **add (d) if the verb ends with (e) as:** live/lived, like/liked.
- 3- **In case verb ends with consonants +y, drop y and put (ied) as:** study/ studied, carry/ carried.
- 4- **Verbs end with consonants+ vowels, dapple the final consonants and add (ed) as** stop/stopped, plan/planned.
- 5- **Some verbs has irregular past form as:** find/found, see/saw.

## **Past simple use with adverbs that indicate the state of past condition as:**

(yesterday, week, year, ago, last week, last night, last month, last year, in the past, in 2020), night, the day before yesterday, two days (months, years) ago. The time expression appears either at the beginning or at the end of the sentence – never in the middle of the sentence.

It **rained** yesterday .

I **bought** this mobile last month.

Last year hammed was in Tikret University.

They **came** here a year ago.

## **How make Past Simple in both Questions and Negatives:**

We use **did** to make questions with the past simple and put question mark at end of question :

**Did** she **play** tennis when she was younger?

**Did** you **live** abroad?

When **did** you **meet** your wife?

Where **did** you **go** for your holidays?

**In making negative statement in past simple, use (did not) didn't + the base form of the verb as:**

she **didn't** invited her friends to party.

They **didn't** go to Spain this year.

We **didn't** get home until very late last night.

I **didn't** see you yesterday.

**The past forms of (be) are ( was/was not, were/ were not) as:**

Majeed **was not** a university students.

Hamlet and his mother **were not** live at the same time.

**How Make positive and negative in past simple by use short answers Yes/No.**

English people are famous in using short answers either in positive or in negative in their writing or speaking as shown in table below:

Question	Positive	Negative/short answer
Was she at school?	Yes, she was	No, she wasn't
Did they play chess?	Yes, they did	No, they didn't
Did you have a good time?	Yes I did	No, I didn't
Did you enjoy the mail?	Yes, we did	No, we didn't

### **Positive:**

1. I visited a client in London yesterday.
2. She planned the event all by herself.

### **Negative:**

1. I didn't talk to John yesterday.
2. He didn't steal those ideas from the company.

## **How formulating Wh-Questions in the Past Simple**

Wh- questions are questions that require more information in their answers. Typically wh- words are what, where, when, why, who, how, how many, how much.

To create a wh-question, start with the wh-word, then add did (or didn't for a negative question), then the subject (a person or thing that does the action), followed by the base form of the verb and only then add the rest of the sentence.

1. **When did** you **buy** that sweater?
2. **Why did** the computer **break down**?
3. **How long did** the train journey **take**?
4. **Why didn't** you **tell** me about the accident?

Question			Negative
Where did	I / you	Go	I didn't go shopping.
	He/she/it		She didn't shopping
	We/they		They didn't see the film.

Question	Subject		Positive	Negative
When did	You	Finish the report?	I finished <u>yesterday</u>	I didn't finish yesterday
	He/she/it	left?	Left at 3o Clock	He/she/it/didn't leave at 3 O'clock
	They	Finish the report?	They finished three <u>weeks ago</u>	They didn't