



The past simple with regular verbs

We usually make the positive past simple by adding ‘-ed’ to the infinitive. For example, ‘play’ becomes ‘played’.

- I walked home.
- You played the piano.
- He cooked dinner.
- She listened to music.
- It rained a lot.
- We laughed all night.
- They missed the train.

We make the negative form with ‘did + not + infinitive’.

- I did not walk home.
- You did not play the piano.
- He did not cook dinner.
- She did not listen to music.
- It did not rain much.
- We did not laugh all night.
- They did not miss the train.

The negative short form uses ‘didn’t’.

- I didn’t walk home.
- You didn’t play the piano.
- He didn’t cook dinner.
- She didn’t listen to music.
- It didn’t rain much.
- We didn’t laugh all night.
- They didn’t miss the train.



For questions, put 'did' before the subject, and the infinitive after it. Here are examples of 'yes / no' questions.

- Did I walk home?
- Did you play the piano?
- Did he cook dinner?
- Did she listen to music?
- Did it rain a lot?
- Did we laugh all night?
- Did they miss the train?

To make a 'wh' question, put the question word at the beginning of the sentence and then 'did'.

- Where did I walk to?
- What did you play?
- What did he cook?
- Why did she listen?
- When did it rain?
- Where did we laugh?
- How did they miss the train?



Let's review!

Make the past simple.

- 1) We _____ (not / enjoy) the class.
- 2) It _____ (rain) all day.
- 3) How _____ (they / travel)?



Answers

- 1) We **didn't enjoy** the class.
- 2) It **rained** all day.
- 3) How **did they travel**?