



## Use

- We use **past simple questions** to ask about finished actions and states in the past.
- We often use **past time expressions** with past simple questions, e.g. *last week, in 2003, five years ago, yesterday.*

- '**Did James walk** to school yesterday?'

- 'No, he **didn't**.'

- '**How did he get** to school?'

- 'He went **by bike**.'



## Form

- We form **past simple yes / no questions** with:

*Did + subject + verb ?*

yes / no questions			
Did	subject	verb	
Did	I you he / she / it we they	watch	TV last night?

- We usually answer *yes/no* questions with a short answer.

Short answers					
Positive (+)			Negative (-)		
Yes,	I you he / she / it we they	<b>did.</b>	No,	I you he / she / it we you they	<b>didn't.</b>

### Tip

In short answers we use *did* or *didn't*.  
We don't use the main verb.

'Did you swim in the sea?'

'Yes, I **did**.' (NOT *Yes, I swam.*)

'Did he go to the beach?'

'No, he **didn't**.' (NOT *No, he didn't go.*)



- We form **past simple *wh*- questions** with:  
Question word + *did* + subject + verb?

<b>Wh- questions</b>				
Question word	<i>did</i>	subject	verb	
<b>What</b>	<b>did</b>	I you	<b>do</b>	yesterday?
<b>Where</b>		he / she / it we they	<b>go</b>	last summer?

### Tip

The past simple question form is the same for every subject (*I, you, he*, etc.). It is the same for regular and irregular verbs:

When **did** they **arrive** at the hotel?

(NOT *When did they arrived at the hotel?*)

**Did** you **have** a good time?

(NOT *Did you had a good time?*)

**Did** he **enjoy** the party?

(NOT *Did he enjoys the party?*)

Past simple questions with the verb *be* are different:

Why did you get up late this morning?

**Were** you tired?