

# English Grammar For Second Year Students

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# Unit 5: Past simple (I did)

## Examples

1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart **was** an Austrian musician and composer.
2. He **lived** from 1756 to 1791.
3. He **started** composing at the age of five and **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music.
4. He **was** only 35 years old when he **died**.

**Lived/started/wrote/was/died** are all *past simple*



# The form of past simple tense

The past simple ends **in -ed (regular verbs)**:

I work in a travel agency now. Before that I **worked** in a department store.

We **invited** them to our party, but they **decided** not to come.

The police **stopped** me on my way home last night.

Laura **passed** her exam because she **studied** very hard.

**The irregular verbs have different forms.**

Many verbs are *irregular*. **The past simple does not end in -ed. For example:**

Mozart **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music. (write / **wrote**)

We saw Tanya in town a few days ago. (see / **saw**)

I **went** to the cinema three times last week. (go / **went** )

It **was** cold, so I **shut** the window. (shut / **shut**)

# Affirmative, Negative , and interrogative

In questions and negatives we use **did/didn't+ infinitive (enjoy/see/go etc.)**:

I	enjoyed
she	saw
they	went

Did	you	enjoy?
	she	see?
	they	go?

I	didn't	enjoy
she	t	see
they		go

- A: **Did** you **go** out last night?  
B: Yes, I **went** to the cinema, but I **didn't enjoy** the film much.
- 'When **did** Mr. Thomas **die**?' 'About ten years ago.'
- They **didn't invite** us to the party, so we **didn't go**.
- '**Did you have** time to do the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't**.'

In the following examples, **do** is used as a **main verb and as an auxiliary verb**

(**did ... do / didn't do**):

- What **did** you **do** at the weekend? (*not What did you at the weekend?*)
- I **didn't do** anything. (*not I didn't anything*)

# The past tense of *Be*

The past of **be** (**am/is/are**) is **was/were**:

I/he/she/it	was/wasn't
we/you/they	were/weren't

was	I/he/she/it?
were	we/you/they?

**Note . we do not use did in negatives and questions with was/were:**

- I **was** angry because they **were** late.
- **Was** the weather good when you **were** on holiday?
- They **weren't** able to come because they **were** so busy.
- **Did you go** out last night or **were you** too tired?

5.1 Read what Laura says about a typical working day:



Laura

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.

Yesterday was a typical working day for Laura. Write what she did or didn't do yesterday.

- |   |                                |                  |    |                   |                           |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | She got up                     | at 7 o'clock.    | 7  | She finished work | at 5 o'clock.             |
| 2 | She had                        | a big breakfast. | 8  | She was           | tired when she got home.  |
| 3 | She walked to work             | .                | 9  | She cooked        | a meal yesterday evening. |
| 4 | It took her about half an hour | to get to work.  | 10 | She didn't go     | out yesterday evening.    |
| 5 | She started work               | at 8.45.         | 11 | She went to bed   | at 11 o'clock.            |
| 6 | She didn't have any            | lunch.           | 12 | She slept         | well last night.          |

5.2

Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form:



buy catch cost fall hurt sell spend teach throw write

- 1 Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music.
- 2 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father **taught** me.'
- 3 We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we **sold** it.
- 4 Dave **fell** down the stairs this morning and **hurt** his leg.
- 5 Joe **threw** the ball to Sue, who **caught** it.
- 6 Ann **spent** a lot of money yesterday. She **bought** a dress which **cost** £100.

## 5.3

You ask James about his holiday. Write your questions.



Hi. How are things?

Fine, thanks. I've just had a great holiday.

1 Where did you go ?

To the U.S. We went on a trip from San Francisco to Denver.

2 How Did you travel ? By car?

Yes, we hired a car in San Francisco.

3 It's a long way to drive. How long Did it take to get to Denver?

Two weeks.

4 Where Did you stay ? In hotels?

Yes, small hotels or motels.

5 Was the weather good?

Yes, but it was very hot – sometimes too hot.

6 Did you go to the Grand Canyon?

Of course. It was wonderful.



## 5.4

Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.



- 1 It was warm, so I took off my coat. (take)
- 2 The film wasn't very good. I didn't enjoy it much. (enjoy)
- 3 I knew Sarah was busy, so I **didn't disturb** her. (disturb)
- 4 We were very tired, so we **left** the party early. (leave)
- 5 The bed was very uncomfortable. I **didn't sleep** well. (sleep)
- 6 The window was open and a bird **flew** into the room. (fly)
- 7 The hotel wasn't very expensive. It **didn't cost** much to stay there. (cost)
- 8 I was in a hurry, so I **didn't have** time to phone you. (have)
- 9 It was hard carrying the bags. They **were** very heavy. (be)

Thank You