

SIMPLE PAST AFFIRMATIVE/NEGATIVE

Affirmative sentences in the Simple Past

In affirmative sentences the word order is subject + verb, and the form of the verb in the simple past is the same for all subjects (with the exception of 'to be' - *was/were*).

Subject + past simple + object

For example:

I played football yesterday.

He saw his family last week.

I was in France in June.

Negative sentences in the Simple Past

To make negative sentences in the simple past we use the auxiliary 'did not' / 'didn't' and the base form of the verb.

Subject + did not + base form of verb + object

For example:

I didn't play football yesterday.

They didn't go to the theater last month.

She didn't arrive on time this morning.

Reference:

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