

Simple Past: Questions , Short answer and negative

We say yes/no questions, because they can't be answered any other way, except yes or no. For yes/no questions with verb to be, you only change the verb to the front.

Example:

You are a soccer player.

Q. Are you a soccer player?

A. Yes, I am./No, I am not.

He is a doctor.

Q. Is he a doctor?

A. Yes, he is. /No, he isn't.

When we make questions with other verbs, remember that we add the auxiliary verb: "do-does".

Example:

You go to school.

Q: Do you go to school?

A: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

He plays in the park.

Does he play in the park?

Yes, he does./No, he doesn't.

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Notice how the “s” from the verb is taken out when making a question, so the verb goes to its original form. Now in past tense, we follow the same rule. The verb goes back to its basic form, but the auxiliary verb for the past is did.

Example:

You went to school.

Q. Did you go to school?

A: Yes, I did.

He visited Mom.

Q. Did he visit mom?

A: No, he didn't visited mom.

My mom cleaned up yesterday.

Did my mom clean up yesterday?

Yes, she did.

Adrian used the microwave.

Did Adrian use the microwave? Yes, he did.

The students have never prepared a recipe.

Did the students prepare a recipe? No, they didn't.

The children ate the soup.

Did the children eat the soup? Yes, they did.