

Past simple

QUESTIONS

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To Be (Verb- subject)

- Were you at work yesterday?
- Was Bill in Paris last week?
- What was that noise?
- Am I late?

Can (Verb - subject)

- Could you speak Italian last year?
- Could Peter swim before he was five?

To Do - all other verbs

(Did - subject - VERB)

- Did they want an ice-cream as well? (WANT)
- Did you work until 10.00pm last night? (WORK)
- Did she like the restaurant? (LIKE)
- Did you have a car for your 18th Birthday? (HAVE)

POSITIVE SENTENCES

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Any Verb ! - (subject -regular verb + ED)
(subject - irregular verb)

- I was at home all night yesterday.
- You had enough time to finish the report.
- We could speak English quite well last year.
- He liked his present
- She went to the shops after work.
- I did a lot of sport when I was young

NEGATIVE SENTENCES

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To Be (subject - verb - NOT)

- I was not here, I was at home.
- You were not late this morning.
- We were not in the right office yesterday.

Can (subject - verb - NOT)

- I could not swim last year.
- He could not speak Italian before he moved to Italy.

To Do - all other verbs (Subject - did- NOT - VERB)

- I did not like the restaurant but I thought the pub was great.
- He did not work last Sunday, so he was able to spend some time in the garden.
- We did not have dinner before five o'clock on Saturday.
- They did not do a lot of sport last year.
- I did not go on holiday at Christmas because I needed to work.