

LESSON 32

Past Tense—Negative Statements and Irregular Verbs

Past Tense Negative Statements

Did is the past tense form of *do*. It is a helping verb. Use *didn't* (*did not*) + the base form of the verb to make a negative past tense sentence.

Affirmative Statements			Negative Statements		
Subject	Verb		Subject	Helping Verb	Base Form of Main Verb
I	watched	TV.	I	didn't	watch TV.
He	studied	for a test.	He	didn't	study for a test.

Correct: He **didn't** watch TV.

He **didn't** go to bed.

Incorrect: ~~He didn't watched TV.~~

~~He didn't went to bed.~~

Irregular Verbs

Regular verbs end in *ed* to make the past tense. Irregular verbs don't end in *ed*.

Base Form	Past Form	Examples	
come	came	He did his homework.	He didn't do his homework.
do	did		
feel	felt		
get	got	They went to school.	They didn't go to school.
go	went		
have	had		
know	knew	We took a test.	We didn't take a test.
take	took		

Language Note:

The past form of a verb is the same for all subjects: *I went, you went, he went, we went, they went.*

Study the past forms of irregular verbs in Appendices A and B.

AUDIO



A Listen to the information about Jerry. Then read the sentences below and check *T* for *True* or *F* for *False*.



1. Jerry went to bed early last night.

Yes

No

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2. He did his homework.

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3. He studied for a test.

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4. He felt good.

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5. He had a cold.

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6. He went to school this morning.

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7. He took a test today.

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8. He stayed home today.

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B Look again at Exercise A. Write five past tense negative statements about Jerry.

1. He didn't study for the test.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

C Complete the following chart.

Present Tense Affirmative	Present Tense Negative	Past Tense Affirmative	Past Tense Negative
He has a cold today.	He doesn't have a cold.	He had a cold yesterday.	He didn't have a cold yesterday.
I go to bed early every night.	I every night.	I last Friday.	I didn't go to bed early last night.
They take a test every Friday.	They every Friday.	They last Friday.	They last Friday.
She every night.	She doesn't do her homework every night.	She last night.	She last night.

D Read about Susan's life. Underline the present tense verbs. Then rewrite the paragraph in the past tense on a separate piece of paper.

FIRST SENTENCE: Last year, Susan had a very difficult life...

Susan has a very difficult life. She works all day and goes to school at night. She doesn't have much free time.

Every day she gets up very early and goes to work. She works for twelve hours in a factory. Then she goes to school. She doesn't have a car, so she takes a bus to school. She doesn't have time to eat dinner. Sometimes she does her homework on the bus, but she doesn't do her homework every day because the bus is sometimes very crowded.

She has a snack in the school cafeteria. Then she studies English before her class. She is often very tired during her class. Sometimes she gets a ride home after class. She doesn't get home until midnight. Then she goes to bed.

Past Tense—One Subject with Multiple Verbs, More Irregular Verbs

Twenty-Five Irregular Verbs:

Base Form	Past Form	Base Form	Past Form	Base Form	Past Form
1. buy	bought	10. find	found	18. see	saw
2. choose	chose	11. get	got	19. sleep	slept
3. come	came	12. go	went	20. spend	spent
4. cost	cost	13. hurt	hurt	21. stand	stood
5. do	did	14. meet	met	22. take	took
6. drive	drove	15. read	read	23. think	thought
7. eat	ate	16. run	ran	24. wake	woke
8. fall	fell	17. say	said	25. win	won
9. feel	felt				

One subject with multiple verbs:

A sentence can have one subject with two or more verbs. Connect two verbs using the word *and*.

I found the shop and went inside.

Connect three or more verbs with commas and the word *and* (verb, verb, and verb).

I came home, had dinner, and went to bed.



A Read Fabiola's letter. Write the past tense forms of the verbs in parentheses. Then listen to check your answers.

Dear Advice Column:

Every Saturday I do the same thing. I clean the house or wash clothes. It's a little boring. Last weekend I (want) to do something different. I (decide) to get a tatoo. I (look) up tatoo shops in the phone book and (find) one near my house.

I (drive) to the tatoo shop and (go) inside. I (think) about what I wanted. Finally, I

(choose) a tattoo—a half moon on my arm.

It (hurt) a little bit, but it (not, be) expensive. It (cost) \$25.00.

I (come) home and (show) my tattoo to my children. They (say) that they (love) the tatoo. Now I have a problem. They want tattoos too!

What should I do?

Thanks, Fabiola

B Write the past tense of these verbs. Then read about Fabiola's daughter, Sandra. Complete the story about Sandra. Use each verb only once.

buy	eat	run
come	fall	say
go	feel	see

Last Saturday started as a normal Saturday. My friends and I to the mall. We some new clothes and a movie. Then we some pizza.

In the evening, my mother home with a tattoo on her arm. My brother and I were so surprised. We ,
 "Mom, we love your tattoo! We want one, too!" But she said, "You are too young." I was so angry that I out of the house. I wasn't careful, so I tripped on the stairs and down!

My mother very bad because I fell down. But maybe now she'll let me have a tattoo!



C Underline the verb in each of the following phrases and write the past tense form of that verb. Then, on a separate piece of paper, use some of the phrases to write a paragraph about your weekend.

<u>buy</u> a car	go shopping	sleep late
call my family	go to a party	spe <u>ak</u> English
do homework	go to bed early	stay in bed
eat dinner out	play soccer	watch TV
fix the car	read email	wake up late
have fun	see a movie	visit my family

EXAMPLE: I had a very easy weekend. On Saturday, I slept late, did my homework, and went to the movies ...



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Nice Day

I woke up at six and got out of bed.
 I tripped and slipped and bumped
 my head.
 I took some aspirin,
 Had a cup of tea,
 Went back to bed, and slept 'till three.
 At three o' clock, I felt OK.

And I said to myself, "Have a nice day."
 I picked up my keys and went to
 the store.
 But oh! I forgot to lock the front door.
 I ran back home. The house was OK.
 But I really had a terrible day.