

Simple Past: Interrogative Form

FORM: All verbs, except the verb “to be”, form the past tense questions by using “do” (past) followed by the subject followed by the simple form of the verb.

“Do” (past) + subject + simple form

Affirmative

I drank
You drank
She drank
He drank
It drank
We drank
You drank
They drank

Interrogative

Did I drink...?
Did you drink...?
Did she drink...?
Did he drink...?
Did it drink...?
Did we drink...?
Did you drink...?
Did they drink...?

USE: There are four ways to answer a yes/no question about the past.

The **long** affirmative

Did John buy a house?

Yes, he bought a house on Park Avenue.

The **short** affirmative

Did John buy a house?

Yes, he did. It's on Park Avenue.

The **long** negative

Did John buy a house?

No, he didn't buy a house. He bought a boat.

The **short** negative

Did John buy a house?

No, he didn't. He bought a boat.

Note: When you answer a question in English, it is polite to add some more information as in the examples above.

Change the following sentences to the INTERROGATIVE form and include question marks!

1. She ate at a restaurant yesterday. _____
2. He started the meeting on time. _____
3. The movie won two Oscars. _____

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4. They planned to go to Halifax by _____
plane.
5. Paul flew to Newfoundland last week. _____
6. He worked hard on the report. _____
7. I bought two books this morning. _____
8. Linda decided to buy a computer. _____
9. It snowed all night long. _____
10. They stayed at the beach all summer. _____

Change the following sentences into the NEGATIVE and INTERROGATIVE past tense forms.

1. Mary has a car.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

2. Those apples are delicious.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

3. Maria likes to drink a glass of wine with
dinner.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

4. Those apartments have four rooms.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

5. The orange juice is sour.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

6. David wants a housekeeper who cooks.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

7. Your mother has a cold.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

8. He has a sandwich for lunch.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

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9. Tina rides her bike everyday.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

10. Paul has good news.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

11. You are at home.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

12. Kevin chooses sports that are dangerous to do.

NEG. _____

INT. _____

Answer the following questions with the answer format indicated in brackets. Make sure you add extra information to be polite.

1. Did you study last night?

(Long affirmative)

2. Did you see a movie on the weekend?

(Short affirmative)

3. Did you go to the gym last week?

(Long negative)

4. Did you eat breakfast this morning?

(Short negative)

5. Did you go shopping after class?

(Long affirmative)

6. Did you meet your friends yesterday?

(Short affirmative)

7. Did you phone your family on the weekend? (Long negative)

8. Did you watch TV last night? (Short negative)
