

Simple Past: Negative Form

FORM: All verbs except the verb “to be” use the auxiliary “do” (which changes to “did” in the past tense) followed by “not” to produce the negative.

Subject + “do” (past) + not + simple form verb

Note: The contraction “didn’t” is more commonly used than “did not”.

Affirmative	Negative	Contraction
I went	I did not go	I didn’t go
You went	You did not go	You didn’t go
He went	She did not go	She didn’t go
She went	He did not go	He didn’t go
It went	It did not go	It didn’t go
We went	We did not go	We didn’t go
You went	You did not go	You didn’t go
They went	They did not go	They didn’t go

EXAMPLES: (Aff.): *I eat chocolate every day.*
 (Neg.) *I do not eat chocolate every day.*
 (Neg./ Past Tense): *I did not eat chocolate every day.*

Put these verbs in the NEGATIVE SIMPLE PAST.

1. He (read) _____ the letter.
2. They (sell) _____ their house last week.
3. She (walk) _____ to work yesterday.
4. Kim (play) _____ in the last soccer match.
5. He (sing) _____ a solo during the show.
6. We (have) _____ a ticket.
7. We (take) _____ the train.
8. It (cost) _____ much.
9. I (hear) _____ a rumour about Paul.
10. You (go) _____ to the pub with us.
11. We (bring) _____ any wine to the picnic.
12. The dogs (jump) _____ on the couch.

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Make these sentences NEGATIVE.

1. He walked quickly on the icy sidewalk.

2. John and Adam ate slowly and enjoyed the food.

3. Helen and I often went to the store for ice-cream.

4. Fred smoked his last cigarette.

5. I talked quietly because my mother was asleep.

6. Arthur and Tom moved into a new apartment.

7. The t-shirt dried in the sun.

8. David and I forgot to mail your letter.

9. His father travelled around the world.

10. They played basketball after school.
