

29 Asking about the past

You can make questions in the past simple using "did." This is useful for asking about past events, such as travel and vacations.



 **New language** Past simple questions

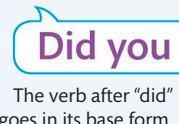

Aa Vocabulary Travel and activities

 **New skill** Talking about vacations

29.1 KEY LANGUAGE "YES / NO" QUESTIONS IN THE PAST SIMPLE

Use the auxiliary verb "did" to make questions in the past simple that have "yes/no" answers.

 **Did you have a good holiday?**  Yes, we went to India.

 **Did you visit the Taj Mahal?**  No, we didn't.


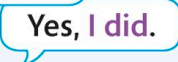
"Did" goes before the subject.



The verb after "did" goes in its base form.

Use "did" or "didn't" for short answers.







29.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "YES / NO" QUESTIONS IN THE PAST SIMPLE

 **Did you see any tigers?**  Yes, I did.

 **Did he stay in the five-star hotel?**  No, he didn't.

"Did" doesn't change with the subject.

 **Did they buy any ice cream?**  Yes, they did.

 **Did we bring enough money with us?**  No, we didn't.



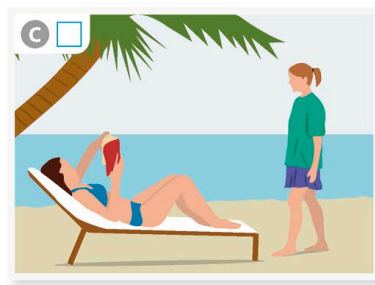
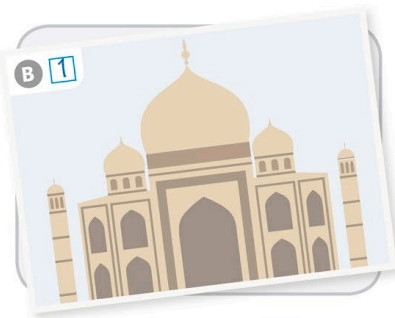
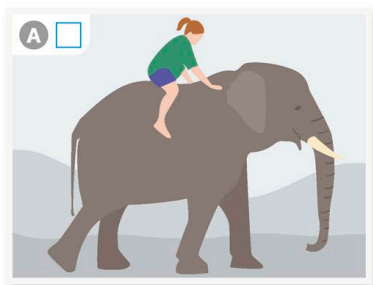
29.3 HOW TO FORM "YES / NO" QUESTIONS IN THE PAST SIMPLE

| "DID" | SUBJECT | VERB | OBJECT |
|-------|---------|-------|----------------|
| Did | you | visit | the Taj Mahal? |



29.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED

Bea talks about her vacation in India.



29.5 MATCH THE QUESTIONS TO THE SHORT ANSWERS

Did you get the job?

Yes, we did.

1

Did I have lunch today?

Yes, I did.

2

Did the dog eat its dinner?

No, you didn't.

3

Did they go to Venezuela?

Yes, it did.

4

Did we win the competition?

No, they didn't.



29.6 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

They went paragliding in Greece.

Did they go paragliding in Greece?

1 They gave Ellie a present.

2 You stayed in an expensive hotel.

3 His mother bought a lot of postcards.

4 Your brother climbed a mountain.

5 Their parents took lots of photos.



29.7 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTION WORDS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE

The question word goes at the beginning of the question, followed by "did" and the subject.



The question word goes at the beginning.

When did you arrive at the hotel?

Yesterday.

How did you get here?

The verb after "did" goes in its base form.

By taxi.



29.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTION WORDS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE



Where did you go on vacation?

We went to Paris.

What did you see in Paris?

The Eiffel Tower.



What did you do on vacation?

We went hiking.

When did you come home?

This morning.



29.9 MATCH THE QUESTIONS WITH THE CORRECT ANSWERS

What time did you arrive at the hotel?

By taxi.

① How did you get to the station?

Daniella and Toni.

② Where did you stay?

Because it was cheap.

③ Why did you stay there?

At 10pm.

④ Who did you go on vacation with?

In the Hotel Bella Vista.





29.10 READ THE EMAIL AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

When did she arrive in New York?

On Monday ☐ On Thursday ☐ On Friday ☒

1 How did she get to Staten Island?

By taxi ☐ By boat ☐ By bus ☐

2 When did she see the Statue of Liberty?

On Friday ☐ On Saturday ☐ Yesterday ☐

3 Which store did she go to?

Macy's ☐ Bloomingdale's ☐ Saks Fifth Avenue ☐

4 What did she buy there?

Some shoes ☐ Some perfume ☐ Some clothes ☐

5 What did Sue eat in Grand Central Station?

A hamburger ☐ Oysters ☐ Steak and salad ☐



To: Sam

Subject: Trip to New York

Hi Sam,

We're having a great time in New York. There's so much to do. We arrived on Friday and went up the Empire State Building. Then, on Saturday, we took the boat to Staten Island and saw the Statue of Liberty. I was surprised because it looked quite small. Yesterday, I went to a store called Macy's and bought some nice clothes. Then we went to a famous restaurant in Grand Central Station and ate oysters.

Love from Sue xx



29.11 SAY THE QUESTIONS OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

When did you visit China ?

We visited China in 2011.

1 Who _____ ?

I went on vacation with Jo.

2 Where _____ ?

We stayed in a hotel in London.

3 What _____ ?

We ate fried rice in Chinatown.

4 How _____ for?

We went abroad for six months.

5 When _____ ?

We left the US on June 29th.



29 CHECKLIST



Past simple questions ☐



Travel and activities ☐



Talking about vacations ☐