

Past Simple Tense

Questions (with action verbs)

I / We / You / They / He / She / It – **did**

Examples : John played badminton.
My dad cooked pizza for my birthday.
We went to Boston last summer.
They liked the movie.

1. General question (Yes / No question)

Formula: **Did** (subject) (**VERB**) (complement)?

Did John play badminton?
Did your dad cook pizza for your birthday?
Did you go to Boston last summer?
Did they like the movie?

2. Special question (wh- question: who, what, where, when, why, how, etc.)

Formula: (Wh-question) **did** (subject) (**VERB**) (complement)?

*Subject: (Who) (**verb+ed / V₂**) (complement)?

Who **played** badminton?
What **did John play**?
Where **did John play** badminton?
When **did John play** badminton?
Why **did John play** badminton?
 Who **cooked** pizza for my birthday?
 What **did your dad cook** for your birthday?
 Why **did your dad cook** pizza for your birthday?
 How **did your dad cook** pizza for your birthday?
Who **went** to Boston last summer?
Where **did you go** last summer?
When **did you go** to Boston?
Why **did you go** to Boston last summer?
What **did you do** last summer?
 Who **liked** the movie?
 What **did they like**?
 Why **did they like** the movie?

3. Alternative question (or)

Formula: **Did** (subject) OR (subject) (**VERB**) (complement)?
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Did John or Sam **play** badminton?

Did John **play** or **watch** badminton?

Did John **play** badminton or soccer?

Did your dad or mom **cook** pizza for your birthday?

Did your dad **cook** or **buy** pizza for your birthday?

Did your dad **cook** pizza or spaghetti for your birthday?

Did you or your parents **go** to Boston last summer?

Did you **go** or **fly** to Boston last summer?

Did you **go** to Boston or Toronto last summer?

Did you **go** to Boston last summer or winter?

Did they or their friends **like** the movie?

Did they **like** or **hate** the movie?

Did they **like** the movie or the baseball game?

4. Tag question (n'est-ce pas?)

Formula: (Subject) (**VERB+ED / V₂**) (complement), **didn't** (pronoun)?
(Subject) **didn't** (**VERB**) (complement), **did** (pronoun)?

John **played** badminton, **didn't** he?

John **didn't** **play** badminton, **did** he?

My dad **cooked** pizza for my birthday, **didn't** he?

My dad **didn't** **cook** pizza for my birthday, **did** he?

We **went** to Boston last summer, **didn't** we?

We **didn't** **go** to Boston last summer, **did** we?

They **liked** the movie, **didn't** they?

They **didn't** **like** the movie, **did** they?