

I didn't ... Did you ... ? (past simple negative and questions)

A. Structure Tables for Negatives and Questions

We use **did** in past simple negatives and questions:

INFINITIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
play start watch have see do go	I / we / you / they / he / she / it played, started, watched, had, saw, did, went	I / we / you / they / he / she / it did not / didn't + play, start, watch, have, see, do, go	did + I / we / you / they / he / she / it play?, start?, watch?, have?, see?, do?, go?

B. Present vs. Past Simple

do / does (present) → **did** (past):

- I **don't** watch television very often.
- I **didn't** watch television **yesterday**.
- **Does** she often go away?
- **Did** she go away **last week**?

C. Infinitive After did / didn't

We use **did/didn't + infinitive** (watch / play / go etc.):

I watched but I **didn't watch** (not 'I didn't watched')
they went but **did** they go? (not 'did they went?')
he had he **didn't have**
you did **did** you do?

- Rahul **played** tennis yesterday, but he **didn't win**.
- '**Did** Aisha **do** the shopping?' 'No, she **didn't have** time.'
- We **went** to the cinema, but we **didn't enjoy** the film.

D. Word Order in Questions

WH- / QUESTION WORD	AUXILIARY	SUBJECT	INFINITIVE	REST
What	Did	Amit's sister	phone	you?
How	Did	you	do	yesterday evening?
Where	Did	the accident	happen?	
	Did	Farhan's parents	go	for their holiday?

E. Short Answers

YES, SHORT ANSWERS		NO, SHORT ANSWERS	
Yes,	I / we / you / they / he / she / it did .	No,	I / we / you / they / he / she / it didn't .

- 'Did you see Rakesh yesterday?' → 'No, I didn't.'
- 'Did it rain on Sunday?' → 'Yes, it did.'
- 'Did Fatima come to the party?' → 'No, she didn't.'
- 'Did Sameer and Zoya have a good holiday?' → 'Yes, they did.'