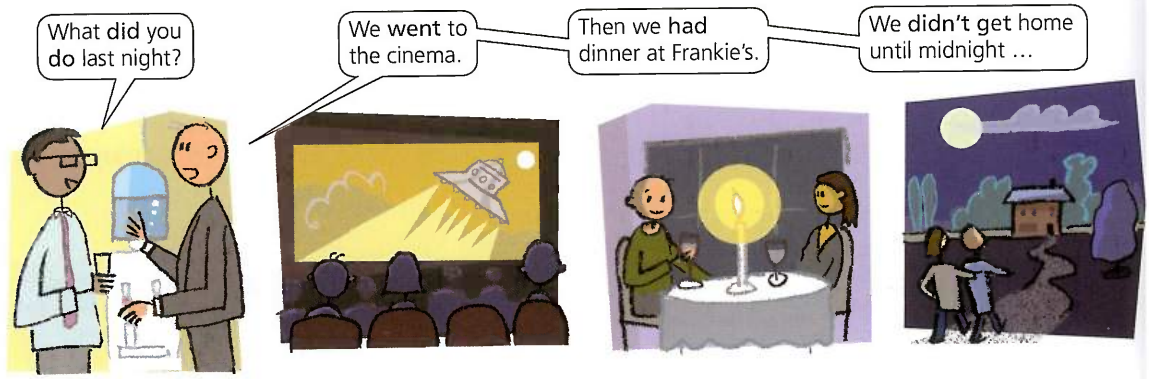
46 Past simple (2)



1 Form

NEGATIVE	*Yes / No* QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWERS
I/He/She/It/We/You/They **did not (didn't)** *arrive.*	**Did** *I/he/she/it/we/you/they arrive?*	*Yes, I/he/she/it/we/you/they* **did.** *No, I/he/she/it/we/you/they* **didn't.**

WH- QUESTIONS				
What	**did**	*you*	**do**	*on Saturday?*
Where	**did**	*you*	**go**	*for dinner?*
How much	**did**	*the meal*	**cost?**	

✗ ~~*What you did on Saturday?*~~
✓ *What* ***did*** *you* ***do*** *on Saturday?*

2 Use

We use the past simple

- when one thing happens after another in the past:
  We ***arrived*** *at the airport at eleven o'clock and* ***took*** *a taxi to the hotel.*
  Then we ***went*** *to the café and* ***had*** *a drink, but we* ***didn't eat*** *anything.*
- to talk about a situation that finished in the past:
  I ***lived*** *with my grandparents last summer.*
  Did *men* ***have*** *long hair in the 1960s?*
  MP3 players ***didn't exist*** *when I was a child.*

Linking words for describing events in the past ➤ Unit 95.1

3 Words we use with the past simple

- We use *then* to say that one action happened after another one:
  'I finished school in 2006. ***Then*** *I went to university.'*
  'And what did you do ***then****?'* (after university)
- We use *from ... to* to say when a past situation started and finished:
  James Dean lived ***from*** *1931* ***to*** *1955.*
  I waited for you ***from*** *eight o'clock* ***to*** *half past nine!*
- We use *for + ten minutes, two hours, a week,* etc. to say how long a past situation lasted:
  Daniela stayed with her cousins ***for two weeks*** *last summer.*

More about:
from ➤ Unit 21.3 *for* ➤ Unit 22.2