Questions & Negatives

CEFR A1 · Asking and saying no in the past simple
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Worksheet 1: Did + Base Form

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: The Golden Rule

In the past simple, questions and negatives use **did** or **didn't** + the **base form** (the infinitive). The main verb goes back to its base form — the irregular past simple does not appear.

Sentence type	Structure	Example
Positive	irregular past simple	I **went** home.
Negative	didn't + base form	I **didn't go** home.
Question	did + subject + base form	**Did** you **go** home?
Short answer	Yes/No + did/didn't	Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

> **Remember: after did or didn't, we say go, not went. ✗ Did you went? → ✓ Did you go?**

Exercise: Right or Wrong?

Write ✓ if the sentence is correct. Write ✗ and correct it if it is wrong.

1. Did you **saw** the film? _____
2. She **didn't eat** breakfast. _____
3. They **didn't went** to school. _____
4. Did he **make** dinner? _____
5. I **didn't knew** the answer. _____
6. Did she **buy** a ticket? _____

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Making Negatives

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: didn't + Base Form

To make a past simple sentence negative, use **didn't** (did not) + the base form of the verb.

Positive	Negative
I **saw** her.	I **didn't see** her.
He **had** lunch.	He **didn't have** lunch.
We **took** the bus.	We **didn't take** the bus.
They **came** late.	They **didn't come** late.

Part A – Make it Negative

Write the negative form. Use **didn't** + base form.

1. I went to the party. → I _____ to the party.
2. She ate the cake. → She _____ the cake.
3. They saw the accident. → They _____ the accident.
4. He made a mistake. → He _____ a mistake.
5. We knew the truth. → We _____ the truth.
6. You took my pen. → You _____ my pen.

Part B – Correct the Mistake

Each negative sentence uses the wrong form. Correct it.

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	I didn't **saw** anything.	
2	She didn't **went** out.	
3	They didn't **ate** lunch.	
4	He didn't **made** his bed.	
5	We didn't **knew** her name.	
6	I didn't **bought** milk.	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Making Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Did + Subject + Base Form

To ask a past simple question, start with **Did**, then the person, then the base form of the verb.

Statement	Question
You went home.	**Did you go** home?
She ate lunch.	**Did she eat** lunch?
They saw the show.	**Did they see** the show?

Part A – Make a Question

Change each statement into a **did** question.

1. You saw the game. → _____
2. She had breakfast. → _____
3. They went home. → _____
4. He made the cake. → _____
5. You took the train. → _____

Part B – Wh- Questions

Use the question word + **did** + base form. Write the whole question.

1. What / you / eat / yesterday? _____
2. Where / she / go / on Saturday? _____
3. Who / you / see / at the party? _____
4. When / they / leave? _____

Part C – Circle the Correct Form

1. Did you (go / went) to school?
2. Did she (eat / ate) the sandwich?
3. Did they (buy / bought) the tickets?
4. Did he (make / made) the dinner?

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Short Answers & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Part A – Short Answers

Answer the questions. Use **Yes, ... did.** or **No, ... didn't.**

1. Did you see the film? (No) _____
2. Did she go to work? (Yes) _____
3. Did they win the game? (No) _____
4. Did he make breakfast? (Yes) _____

Part B – Complete the Dialogue

Fill the gaps with **did**, **didn't**, or the correct base form.

A: _____ you go out last night?
B: No, I _____. I stayed at home.
A: _____ you watch a film?
B: Yes, but I _____ (not / see) the end. I fell asleep!
A: What time _____ you _____ (go) to bed?

Part C – Writing

Write **4 questions** and **4 negative sentences** about last weekend. Use these verbs: *go, eat, see, buy, make, have*. Remember: **did / didn't + base form**.

#	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	

Questions: _____ / 4 Negatives: _____ / 4 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Right or Wrong?

1 ✗ Did you **see** the film? · 2 ✓ · 3 ✗ They **didn't go** to school. · 4 ✓ · 5 ✗ I **didn't know** the answer. · 6 ✓

The single most common A1 error is keeping the irregular past after **did/didn't** ("Did you went?", "She didn't went"). Drill the rule: after did/didn't, the verb is always the base form.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 didn't go · 2 didn't eat · 3 didn't see · 4 didn't make · 5 didn't know · 6 didn't take

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 didn't see · 2 didn't go · 3 didn't eat · 4 didn't make · 5 didn't know · 6 didn't buy

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 Did you see the game? · 2 Did she have breakfast? · 3 Did they go home? · 4 Did he make the cake? · 5 Did you take the train?

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 What did you eat yesterday? · 2 Where did she go on Saturday? · 3 Who did you see at the party? · 4 When did they leave?

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 go · 2 eat · 3 buy · 4 make

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 No, I didn't. · 2 Yes, she did. · 3 No, they didn't. · 4 Yes, he did.

Worksheet 4 – Part B

Did · didn't · Did · didn't see · did … go

Worksheet 4 – Part C: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Question form	Did + subject + base form; no irregular past	0–4
Negative form	didn't + base form; no irregular past	0–4
Verb range	Six or more different verbs from the list used	0–3
Task & clarity	Eight sentences; meaning clear	0–4