

Past simple (I did)

A

Study this example: Wolfgang Amadeus 에 대한 과거의 일 나열

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart **was** an Austrian musician and composer. He **lived** from 1756 to 1791. He **started** composing at the age of five and **wrote** more than 600 pieces of music. He **was** only 35 years old when he **died**.

Lived/started/wrote/was/died are all *past simple*.



B

Very often the past simple ends in **-ed** (regular verbs):

- ☐ I work in a travel agency now. Before that I **worked** in a department store.
- ☐ We **invited** them to our party, but they **decided** not to come.
- ☐ The police **stopped** me on my way home last night.
- ☐ Laura **passed** her exam because she **studied** very hard.

For spelling (**stopped**, **studied** etc.), see Appendix 6. verb + (-ed) 의 형태와 다른 것들도 있어요! 외우진 말고 자주 영어를 구사하면서 알아가요!

But many verbs are *irregular*. The past simple does *not* end in **-ed**. For example:

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| write → wrote | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music. |
| see → saw | <input type="checkbox"/> We saw Tanya in town a few days ago. |
| go → went | <input type="checkbox"/> I went to the cinema three times last week. |
| shut → shut | <input type="checkbox"/> It was cold, so I shut the window. |

C

In questions and negatives we use **did/didn't** + *infinitive* (enjoy/see/go etc.):

과거형(기본)

I	enjoyed
she	saw
they	went

과거형(질문)

you	enjoy?
she	see?
they	go?

과거형(부정)

I	enjoy
she	didn't see
they	didn't go

- ☐ A: **Did you go** out last night?
- ☐ B: Yes, I **went** to the cinema, but I **didn't enjoy** the film much.
- ☐ 'When **did** Mr Thomas **die**?' 'About ten years ago.'
- ☐ They **didn't invite** us to the party, so we **didn't go**.
- ☐ 'Did you **have** time to do the shopping?' 'No, I **didn't**.'

과거형을 쓸 때 본래 하고자 하는 말의 동사 전에 did 를 쓰게 되면 그 뒤의 동사는 원형을 씁니다.

In the following examples, **do** is the main verb in the sentence (**did ... do / didn't do**):

- ☐ What **did you do** at the weekend? (not What did you at the weekend?)
- ☐ I **didn't do** anything. (not I didn't anything)

D

The past of **be (am/is/are)** is **was/were**:

I/he/she/it	was/wasn't
we/you/they	were/weren't

was	I/he/she/it?
were	we/you/they?

현재형

I am
(We / You / They) are
(He / She / It) is

과거형

I was
(We / You / They) were
(He / She / It) was

Note that we do not use **did** in negatives and questions with **was/were**:

- ☐ I **was** angry because they **were** late.
- ☐ **Was** the weather good when you **were** on holiday?
- ☐ They **weren't** able to come because they **were** so busy.
- ☐ Did you go out last night or **were** you too tired?