Past Simple (Indefinite) Tense

Lesson 1

Compare:

Present Simple

- She plays the guitar every day.
- Does she play_ the guitar every day?
- Yes, she does/ No, she doesn't.

Past Simple

- She played the guitar yesterday.
- Did she play_ the guitar yesterday?
- Yes, she did/ No, she didn't.

Affirmative sentence: Noun + Verb-ed
I worked at school yesterday.

Interrogative sentence: Did + Noun + Verb_
Did you work_ at school yesterday?

Useful words

Past Simple ("markers")

- Yesterday
- The day before yesterday
- Last Sunday (week, month, year, etc.)
- 5 years ago
- In 1995
- The other day ("на днях" в отношении к прошлому)

Examples

- I helped my mother yesterday.
- She worked in a shop last summer.
- They finished school 3 years ago.
- He played this role in 2005.
- I watched an interesting TV program the other day.

Exercises

Nº1 Use the verbs in the brackets in Past Simple.

1) She (to play) in theatre last Saturday. 2) I (to work) with my sister yesterday. 3) I (to watch) TV the day before yesterday. 4) You (to help) your father last week? 5) She (to finish) school in 2005? 6) They (not to play) football the other day. 7) We (not to live) in England 5 years ago.

Nº2 Use the verbs in the brackets in Past Simple or Present Simple.

1) We (to drink) tea every morning. 2) She (to dance) last Sunday. 3) You usually (to read) in the evening? 4) They (to live) in America in 1992? 5) I (not to work) on Mondays. 6) I (not to work) last Monday. 7) You often (to help) your mother?