



Mini Lesson 322 - Question Formation in the Past Tense

Question formation in the past tense is important for effective communication when we talk about events or actions that have already happened. In English, to form questions in the past tense with regular and irregular verbs, we use "did" followed by the base form of the verb.

When making questions, we need to remember the structure:

- For WH questions (who, what, where, when, why, how), the structure is:
 - WH word + did + subject + base form of the verb?

- For yes/no questions, the structure is:
 - Did + subject + base form of the verb?

Examples:

- WH question: Where did you go yesterday?
- Yes/No question: Did you finish your homework?





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the questions using the correct form of "did" and the base form of the verb in parentheses.

1. What time _____ (leave) the bus arrive?
2. Where _____ (you/go) for your summer vacation?
3. Why _____ (she/not attend) the party last week?
4. Who _____ (they/see) at the concert?
5. When _____ (he/finish) the project?
6. How _____ (we/get) to the museum?
7. What _____ (your friends/say) about the movie?

Section 2: Rewrite the Questions

Rewrite the statements as questions in the past tense.

1. They played soccer last Saturday.
- _____ soccer last Saturday?
2. She went to the beach last summer.
- _____ to the beach last summer?
3. He cooked dinner for the family.
- _____ dinner for the family?
4. We visited the zoo on Sunday.
- _____ the zoo on Sunday?
5. You studied for the test.
- _____ for the test?





Section 3: Choose the Correct WH Word

Choose the correct WH word to complete each question.

1. _____ did you go on vacation? (What/Where)
2. _____ did your teacher say about the homework? (Who/What)
3. _____ did they arrive at the party? (When/Why)
4. _____ did you help with the project? (Which/How)
5. _____ did she ask about the book? (Who/What)

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks in the conversation with the correct past tense questions.

A: _____ you _____ (see) the new movie last week?

B: Yes, I did! It was amazing.

A: _____ you _____ (go) with anyone?

B: I _____ (go) with my friends.

A: _____ they _____ (like) it too?

B: Yes, they loved it!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. did
2. did
3. did
4. did
5. did
6. did
7. did

Section 2:

1. Did they play
2. Did she go
3. Did he cook
4. Did we visit
5. Did you study

Section 3:

1. Where
2. What
3. When
4. How
5. What

Section 4:

1. Did you see
2. Did you go
3. Did they like

