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The Simple Present Versus Simple Past

In spoken English, the following contraction is often used:

Without Contraction	With Contraction
	
did not	didn't

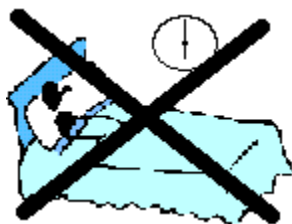
For example:-

I/he/she/it/you/we/you/ they 	did not	did not have	did not read	did not like	did not eat	did not drink
I/he/she/it/you/we/you/ they 	didn't	didn't have	didn't read	didn't like	didn't eat	didn't drink

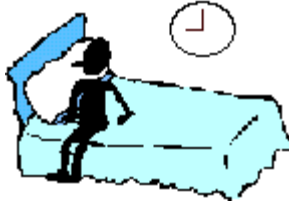
In order to change an affirmative statement into a negative statement, *did not* is placed after the subject.

Positive statement	Negative statement
I worked.	I didn't work.
You worked. (singular 1 and plural 1+)	You didn't work.
He/She worked.	He/She didn't work.
It worked.	It didn't work
We worked.	We didn't work.
They worked.	They didn't work.

What Mr Nato did and didn't do yesterday.



Yesterday, Mr Nato didn't **wake up** at 6.00 am. He **woke up** at 8.00 am.



He didn't **get up** at 6.15 am. He **got up** at 9.00 am.



He didn't **go** to the office. He **went** to the bathroom.



He didn't **have** a shower. He **had** a bath.



After his shower he didn't **have** a cup of coffee. He **had** a shave and brushed his teeth.



He didn't **eat** breakfast at about 7.00 am. He **ate** breakfast at about 10.00 am.




After breakfast he didn't **read** the newspaper. He **went** for a run.



After his run he didn't **go** to work. He went to meet his friends.

Pronunciation and Spelling Tip - Some irregular verbs to listen to and learn

 do > did - wake up > woke up - get up > got up - go > went - have
> had - eat > ate - read > read 