

LESSON 57

Past tenses of irregular verbs (1)

irregular

question

Did you speak
English yesterday?

positive

Yes, I spoke
English yesterday

negative

No, I did not speak
English yesterday

With some verbs, we do not make the past tense by adding "ed". Instead, we change the word.

Verbs like this are called "irregular" verbs.

"I drank some water yesterday."

spea <u>k</u>	–	sp <u>oke</u>	stand	–	sto <u>od</u>
drin <u>k</u>	–	dr <u>ank</u>	read	–	read
ea <u>t</u>	–	ate	say	–	said
co <u>me</u>	–	ca <u>me</u>	go	–	went
g <u>ive</u>	–	ga <u>ve</u>	draw	–	drew
si <u>t</u>	–	sa <u>t</u>	hold	–	held
te <u>ll</u>	–	to <u>ld</u>	wear	–	wore
ru <u>n</u>	–	ra <u>n</u>	take	–	took
wri <u>te</u>	–	wro <u>te</u>	get	–	got



What's the past tense of the verb "speak"?

The past tense of the verb "speak" is "spoke"

Did you speak with any of your friends yesterday?

Yes, I spoke with some of my friends yesterday

Did Kate drink any juice at Sophie's house yesterday?

Yes, Kate drank some juice at Sophie's house yesterday

Chart 17



Did Charlie and Dan eat cake at the birthday party yesterday?

Yes, Charlie and Dan ate cake at the birthday party yesterday

Why did you come here today?

I came here today to learn English

What presents did your parents give you for your birthday last year?

My parents gave me ... for my birthday last year

Did you tell me your name at the beginning of the lesson?

Yes, I told you my name at the beginning of the lesson

Did we stand up after the last lesson?

Yes, we stood up after the last lesson

Did they run in any races at school last year?

Yes, they ran in some races at school last year

Did I write anything on this piece of paper at the beginning of the lesson?

Yes, you wrote something on that piece of paper at the beginning of the lesson

Did we read our "Callan for Kids" books last month?

Yes, we read our "Callan for Kids" books last month

What did I hold in my hand last lesson?

You held a pen in your hand last lesson

Whose bag did you take home with you after the last lesson?

I took my bag home with me after the last lesson

Did you draw any pictures in your art lessons at school last month?

Yes, I drew some pictures in my art lessons at school last month

Remember – for a question, put “did” before the verb!

“Did you drink any water yesterday?”

Did they sit on the floor last lesson?

No, they didn't sit on the floor last lesson; they sat on their chairs

Did I say “hello” to you at the end of the last lesson?

No, you didn't say “hello” to us at the end of the last lesson; you said “goodbye”

And for a negative, use “did not” (or “didn't”)!

“I didn't drink any water yesterday.”

Did you wear a suit and tie in bed last night?

No, I didn't wear a suit and tie in bed last night; I wore pyjamas in bed last night

Did you go home in an aeroplane after the last lesson?

No, I didn't go home in an aeroplane after the last lesson; I went home by car (or bus, train etc.)

Did you get up early this morning?

Yes, I got up early this morning ~ No, I didn't get up early this morning; I got up late



promise

Do you ever promise to do something and then forget to do it?

Yes, I sometimes promise to do something and then forget to do it ~ No, I never promise to do something and then forget to do it

Do your parents always do everything they promise to do?

Yes, my parents always do everything they promise to do ~ No, my parents don't always do everything they promise to do

polite

impolite

Tell me two things we say a lot when we want to be polite.

Two things we say a lot when we want to be polite are "please" and "thank you"

Is it polite to point at people and laugh at them?

No, it isn't polite to point at people and laugh at them; it's impolite

Which is it more polite to say: "I want" or "I'd like"?

It's more polite to say "I'd like" than "I want"

Give me some examples, please.

I'd like to go home now. I'd like a bowl of cereal. I'd like a pet dog for my birthday.