## Past simple (I did)

### A) Form of the Tense:-

The past simple ends in -ed (regular verbs):

I, he, she, it, they, we, you + verb +ed.

lived/started/wrote/was/died are all past simple.

- I work in a travel agency now.
- Before that I worked in a department store.
- They invited us to their party, but we decided not to go.
- The police stopped me on my way home last night.
- Laura passed her exam because she studied very hard.

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

write → wrote

Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music.

see → saw

We saw Alice in town a few days ago.

go → went

- I went to the cinema three times last week.

 $\mathsf{shut} \to \mathsf{shut}$ 

- It was cold, so I shut the window.

#### **B)** Questions and Negative:-

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

I she they enjoyed.

- did you enjoy?
- they didn't enjoy.
- I enjoyed the party a lot. Did you enjoy it?
- How many people did they invite to the wedding?
- I didn't buy anything because I didn't have any money.
- Did you go out?' 'No, I didn't.'

Sometimes do is the main verb in the sentence (did you do?, I 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 was I/he/she/it?

we/you/they were/weren't were we/you/they?

#### For Example:-

- I was annoyed because they were late.
- Was the weather good when you were on holiday?
- They weren't able to come because they were so busy.
- I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.
- Did you go out last night or were you too tired?