

UNIT 2

ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

Adverbs of Frequency

Adverbs of frequency, **always, often, never, rarely, sometimes**, usually come **before** the **main verb**, but **after** the **auxiliary verb** (do, does etc) and the verb **to be**. They tell us how often something happens.

*I **never** get up early on Sundays.*

*He **rarely** goes to the zoo. (= not often)*

*She **sometimes** has a sandwich for lunch.*

*Do you **often** walk to work?*

*Mum is **usually** home by four.*

*He is **always** late for work.*

PAST SIMPLE

Past Simple: regular verbs

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I worked	Did I work?	I didn't work
you worked	Did you work?	you didn't work
he worked	Did he work?	he didn't work
she worked	Did she work?	she didn't work
it worked	Did it work?	it didn't work
we worked	Did we work?	we didn't work
you worked	Did you work?	you didn't work
they worked	Did they work?	they didn't work

Form

- We form the affirmative of most regular verbs by adding **-ed** to the verb. *I work - I worked*
- Other verbs have irregular affirmative forms.
*I see - I **saw*** (see list of irregular verbs on p. 128)
- We form the negative of past simple with **didn't + base form of the verb**.
*I **didn't work** yesterday, I **didn't see** Tom yesterday.*
- We form the interrogative of past simple with **Did + personal subject pronoun + base form of the verb**.
***Did he work** yesterday? **Did you see** Tom yesterday?*
- We form positive short answers with **did** and negative short answers with **didn't**.
*Did you call me? **Yes, I did.***
*Did he tell you? **No, he didn't.***

Spelling

- We add **-d** to verbs ending in **-e**. *I live - I lived*
- Verbs ending in **consonant + y** drop the **-y** and add **-ied**.
I try - I tried
- Verbs ending in one **stressed vowel** between two consonants double the last consonant and take **-ed**.
I stop - I stopped

Use

- We use the past simple for actions which **happened in the past and won't happen again**.
*He **graduated** from high school in 1998. (When did he graduate? In 1998.)*
- We also use the past simple for actions which **happened at a specific time in the past**.
*He visited his grandparents **last** Sunday. (When? Last Sunday.)*

Time expressions used with the **past simple**: **yesterday, last night/morning/evening** etc, **two weeks/a month etc ago, in 1964** etc.

Short Answers

Did I/you/he etc work ...?

Yes, I/you/he etc **did**.
No, I/you/he etc **didn't**.

USED TO

We use **used to + infinitive** to refer to past habits or states which don't exist any more. In such cases we can also use the past simple.

*I **used to work/worked** as a cleaner at the local hospital (but I don't any more).*

*I **didn't use to wear** glasses.*

*Did you **use to have** long hair?*