

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?*