

Vocabulary



To Finish



Do (Wash) the Dishes



Mop the Floor



To Empty



Essay



Post Online

Past Tense

Past tense verbs usually end with an **-ed** ending but only for affirmative sentences. For questions and negative statements, we use **did** to express the past. See below.

- (Q) Where **did** you work?
(A) I worked in an office.
(N) I **did** not work in the city.

There are three ways to pronounce the **-ed** ending.

-ed = /t/ Verbs ending with non-voiced sound such as: -sh, -ch, -p, -k, -s, -t.

I washed the dishes.
I walked to work.
I worked at my desk.
I talked to my friend.

-ed = /d/ Verbs ending with voiced sounds such as: -n, -y, -v, -m.

I cleaned my room.
I enjoyed the movie.
I mowed the lawn.

-ed = /id/ Verbs ending with -d or -t.

I wanted to go.
I decided to stay.
I needed to sleep.

Negative

I did not work.
I didn't sleep much.

(did not = didn't)

Past Tense - Regular

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So what *did* you *do* yesterday?

Woman: Nothing much, just chores. I *washed* the dishes, *vacuumed*, and *mopped* the floors.

Man: Yeah, me too.

Woman: Really, are you a clean freak?

Man: Not so much, but my place *needed* a good cleaning.

Woman: Was your place pretty dirty?

Man: Yeah, it was pretty bad. But I *cleaned* the bathroom, *picked up* my dirty clothes, *washed* them and *emptied* the rubbish, so now it looks respectable.

Woman: Yeah, you can only put things off for so long.

Man: That's right.

Conversation 2 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What are you reading?

Woman: A history book about the Mayans. I just *started* it though.

Man: Oh cool. I just *watched* a documentary about them. It was fascinating.

Woman: Yeah, I *learned* about them in college so this book *piqued* my interest.

Man: Is it any good?

Woman: So far so good. I already *learned* a few things I *didn't know*.

Man: Well, can I borrow it when you're finished?

Woman: I would, but I *borrowed* it from the library.

Man: Ah, got it. I'll try to check it out then.

Conversation 3 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: I *missed* class yesterday. What *did* you *do* in class?

Woman: Not much. The teacher just *reviewed* past lessons.

Man: Oh yeah. What *did* she *go* over?

Woman: She mainly *talked* about the essay assignment and how to write the paper.

Man: *Did* she *give* any homework?

Woman: Yes, but she *posted* it on the class website.

Man: OK, I'll check it out then. Thanks.

Conversation 4 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What *did* you *do* last night?

Woman: I just *stayed* home and *talked* with my friends on Zoom.

Man: Friends from work?

Woman: No, friends I *studied* with in college.

Man: Oh, that's so cool that you are still friends.

Woman: Well, we kind of *lost* touch with each other, but we recently *reunited* on Facebook.

Man: I should do that with my old army buddies.

Woman: You should. It's a lot of fun. We all *enjoyed* seeing each other again.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What did the woman do yesterday?

- a) She cleaned her house.**
- b) She went shopping.

2) What does the woman say about the Mayans?

- a) She studied them in college.**
- b) She finished a book about them.

3) What did the woman do in class?

- a) She took a test.
- b) She reviewed past lessons.**

4) What did the woman do with her friends?

- a) She visited their house.
- b) She chatted with them online.**

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- **needed**
- **did**
- **Was**
- **right**

- **cleaned**
- **washed**
- **clean freak**
- **so long**

- **washed**
- **too**

Conversation 1

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Man: Yeah, me ___.

Woman: Really, are you a ___?

Man: Not so much, but my place ___ a good cleaning.

Woman: ___ your place pretty dirty?

Man: Yeah, it was pretty bad. But I ___ the bathroom, picked up my dirty clothes, ___ them and emptied the rubbish, so now it looks respectable.

Woman: Yeah, you can only put things off for ___.

Man: That's ___.

Question 2 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- I'll
- didn't know
- Is it

- reading
- borrowed
- watched

- finished
- started

Conversation 2

Man: What are you ___?

Woman: A history book about the Mayans. I just ___ it though.

Man: Oh cool. I just ___ a documentary about them. It was fascinating.

Woman: Yeah, I learned about them in college so this book piqued my interest.

Man: ___ any good?

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Woman: I would, but I ___ it from the library.

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Question 3 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- Did she
- talked
- then

- missed
- did
- posted

- reviewed

Conversation 3

Man: I ___ class yesterday. What did you do in class?

Woman: Not much. The teacher just ___ past lessons.

Man: Oh yeah? What ___ she go over?

Woman: She mainly ___ about the essay assignment and how to write the paper.

Man: ___ give any homework?

Woman: Yes, but she ___ it on the class website.

Man: OK, I'll check it out ___. Thanks.

Question 4 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- enjoyed
- should do
- did

- friends
- studied
- work

- stayed
- reunited

Conversation 4

Man: What ___ you do last night?

Woman: I just ___ home and talked with my friends on Zoom.

Man: Friends from ___?

Woman: No, friends I ___ with in college.

Man: Oh, that's so cool that you are still ___.

Woman: Well, we kind of lost touch with each other, but we recently ___ on Facebook.

Man: I ___ that with my old army buddies.

Woman: You should. It's a lot of fun. We all ___ seeing each other again.

Corporate Vocabulary

Job offer

Employment opportunity

“Donna received a great job offer. She will make \$90,000 a year.”

Working conditions

Employment terms, quality of work site.

“Donna’s new working conditions are great. She will work from 8am until 5pm only.”