

# Past simple: regular negative and questions

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## Explanations

### Negatives

*I didn't start learning English last year. I started this year.*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>I did not start</i>   | <i>he did not start</i>  | <i>we did not start</i>   |
| <i>I didn't start</i>    | <i>he didn't start</i>   | <i>we didn't start</i>    |
| <i>you did not start</i> | <i>she did not start</i> | <i>they did not start</i> |
| <i>you didn't start</i>  | <i>she didn't start</i>  | <i>they didn't start</i>  |
|                          | <i>it did not start</i>  |                           |
|                          | <i>it didn't start</i>   |                           |

### Yes/No Questions

*Did you start learning English last year?*

|                       |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Did I start?</i>   | <i>Did he start?</i>  | <i>Did we start?</i>   |
| <i>Did you start?</i> | <i>Did she start?</i> | <i>Did they start?</i> |
|                       | <i>Did it start?</i>  |                        |

### Wh- questions

*When did you start learning English?*

*When did you finish your homework?*

### Examples

*Did they arrive yesterday? No, they didn't arrive yesterday.*

*They arrived on Monday.*

*Did you finish your homework? No, I didn't finish my homework. It was very difficult.*

*When did you start school? I started school in 1993.*

### Careful!

The order of the words is different in questions and statements.