

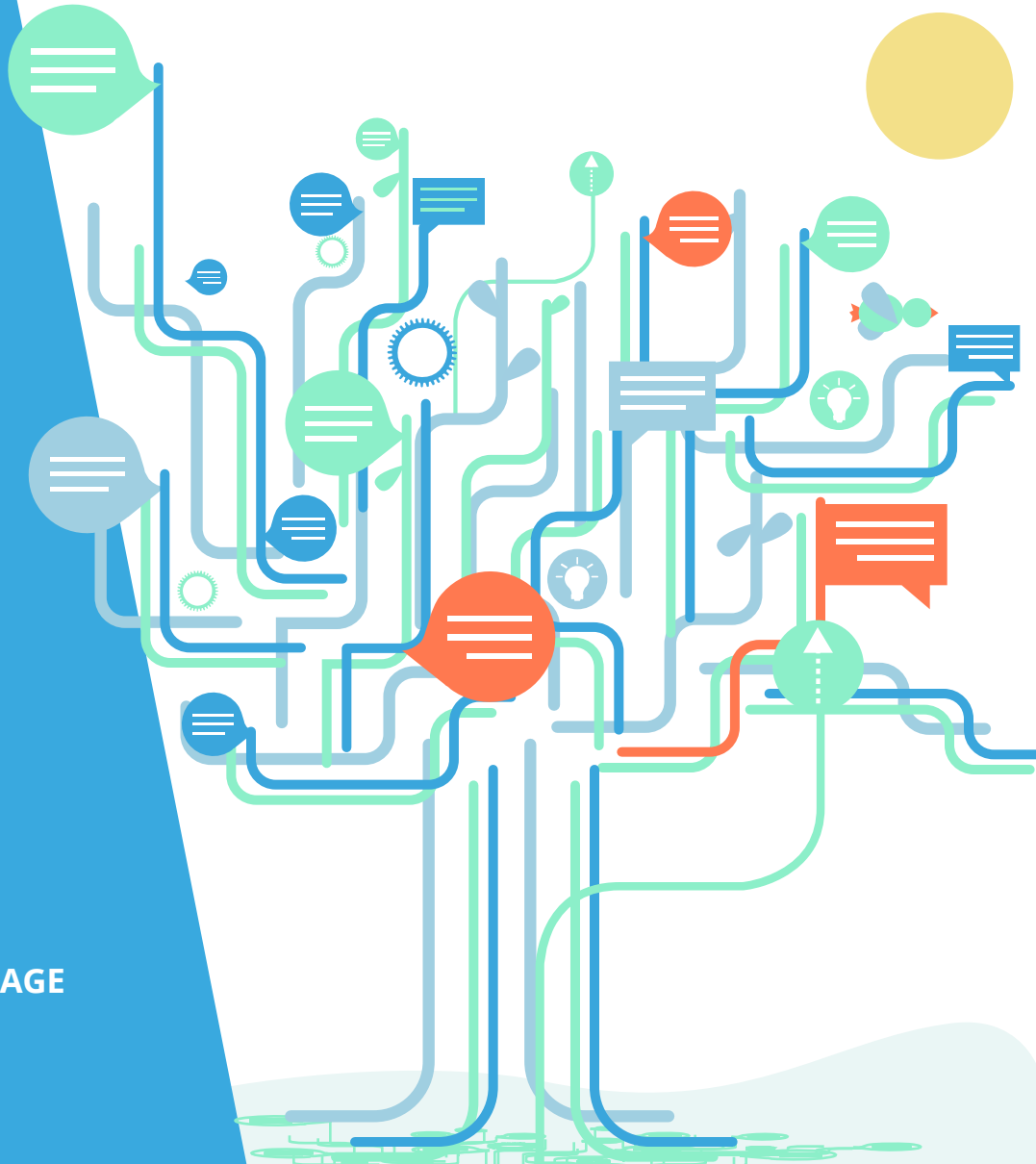
# The past simple: Regular verbs

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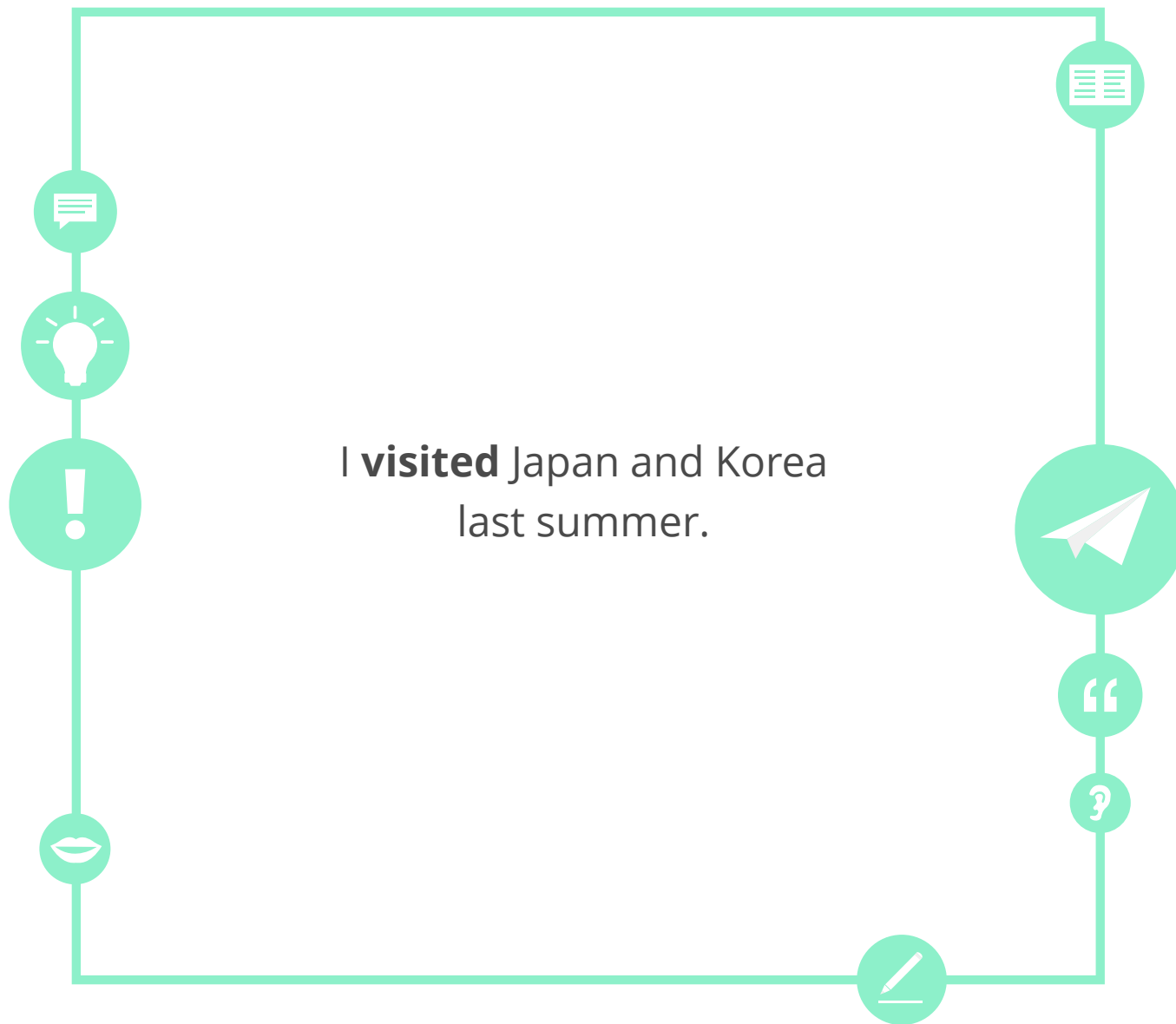




## Goals

- Learn how to form the past simple of regular verbs
- Learn how to negate in the past simple







## The past simple

- Use **the past simple** to talk about **finished actions** in the **past**.
- Add **-ed** to the **infinitive** of **regular verbs** to form the past simple.

infinitive	past simple
visit	visited
walk	walked
stay	stayed
enjoy	enjoyed
relax	relaxed



## Verbs ending in *y*



Add **-ied** to **some verbs ending in *y*** to form the past simple.

infinitive		past simple
carry	→	carried
study	→	studied
try	→	tried
cry	→	cried
hurry	→	hurried



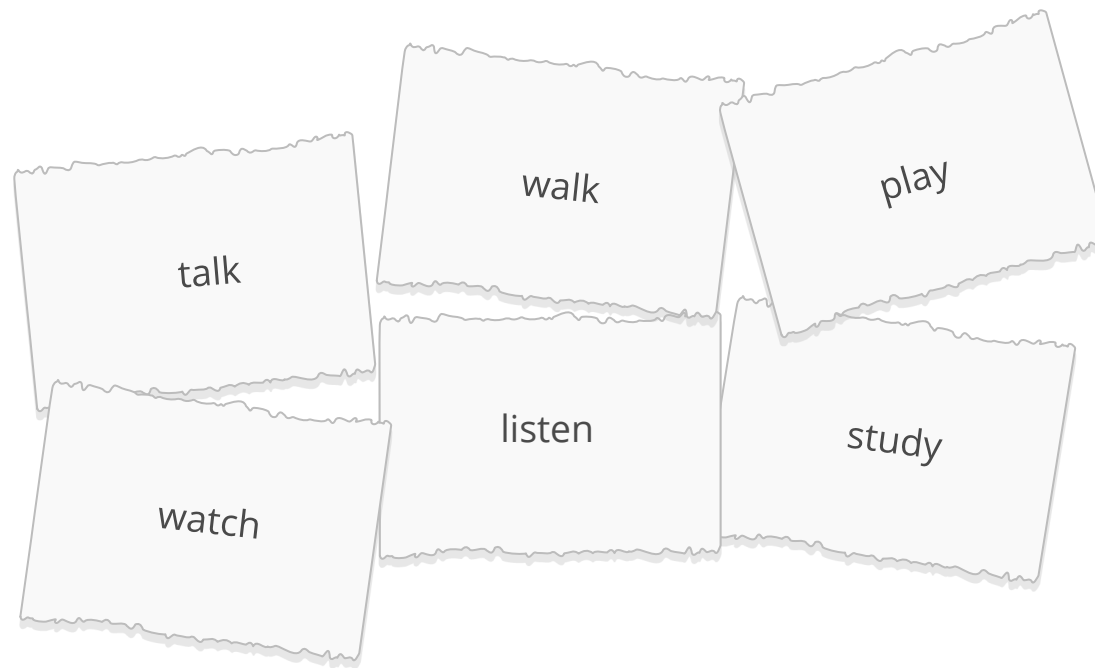
## Subject matters

Regular verbs in **the past simple** are the **same** for all subjects.

present simple	past simple
I <b>play</b> basketball on Saturdays.	I <b>played</b> basketball last Saturday.
You <b>watch</b> TV at home.	You <b>watched</b> TV at home last night.
He <b>visits</b> his grandparents.	He <b>visited</b> his grandparents last weekend.
She <b>listens</b> to music.	She <b>listened</b> to music yesterday.
We <b>stay</b> in a hotel.	We <b>stayed</b> in a hotel last summer.
They <b>study</b> at university together.	They <b>studied</b> at university together in 2010.



## Practise pronouncing the past simple of these verbs





## Complete the sentences with a regular past simple verb

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to work this morning.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ TV last night.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ South America last summer.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ engineering at university.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ about it at the meeting.







## *ed or ied?*

ed

ied

wash

try

study

work

watch

cry

carry

play



## Past time phrases

- Use **past time phrases** to say **when** you did something.
- Past time phrases usually go at the **end** of a sentence.

past simple sentence	Past time phrase
I <b>visited</b> Amsterdam	<b>last year.</b>
I <b>played</b> tennis	<b>yesterday.</b>
We <b>watched</b> that movie	<b>a few days ago.</b>



## Time phrases

Present	Past

now

yesterday  
afternoon

last night

at the moment

a few months ago

today

last week

last year



## Choose the correct option

1. I watched TV \_\_\_\_\_ night.

a. last

b. yesterday

c. now

d. ago

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ the Philippines last summer.

a. vacation

b. go

c. visited

d. visit

3. They \_\_\_\_\_ dinner for us last night.

a. cooks

b. cook

c. cooked

d. make

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ our vacation!

a. enjoys

b. enjoyed

c. enjoyed

d. go



## Put the sentences in the past simple and add a time phrase

1. I cook dinner.

→ I **cooked** dinner **yesterday**.

2. We play basketball.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. She visit her grandparents.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. They study for the test.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Talk to a classmate about what you've done this week

last night

yesterday

visited

enjoyed

studied

ago

ate

watched

stayed

played



## To do in the past simple



There are many English verbs which are irregular in the past simple. One of the most important irregular English verbs is the verb **to do**. Here is the verb **to do** conjugated in the **past simple**.

I	did
you	did
he, she, it	did
we	did
they	did

Just like the regular verbs in the past simple, it has the same conjugation for each subject pronoun.



## Negating in the past simple



The verb **to do** is important because we use it to form the past simple negative.

To construct the past simple negative we first need to contract:

- Conjugate the verb **to do** in the past simple
- Negate it by adding the word **not**
- Contract it from **did not** to **didn't**

I did not	→	I <b>didn't</b>
you did not	→	you <b>didn't</b>
he, she, it did not	→	he, she, it <b>didn't</b>
we did not	→	we <b>didn't</b>
they did not	→	they <b>didn't</b>





## Negating in the past simple

After the conjugated form of **didn't** we simply put **the infinitive** of the verb that we want to negate.

This doesn't change the word order of the rest of the sentence.

- I **watched** a lot of television last night
- I **walked** home from school yesterday.
- I **played** football last weekend.

- I **didn't watch** a lot of television last night.
- I **didn't walk** home from school yesterday.
- I **didn't play** football last weekend.



## Read the sentences



I **walked** up the stairs.

I **didn't walk** up the stairs.



She **answered** the phone.

She **didn't answer** the phone.





## Important irregular verbs

Another one of the most important irregular English verbs is the verb **to go**. Here is the verb **to go** conjugated in the **past simple**.

I	went
you	went
he, she, it	went
we	went
they	went



## Read the sentences



I **went** on holiday last month.

I **didn't go** on holiday last month.



She **went** to the cinema yesterday evening.

She **didn't go** to the cinema yesterday evening.





## The past simple negative forms

Observe the table below to see how positive and negative statements are formed in the past simple.

positive	negative
I <b>went</b> to Italy last year.	I <b>didn't go</b> to Italy last year.
You <b>stayed</b> in a hotel.	You <b>didn't stay</b> in a hotel.
He <b>needed</b> a break.	He <b>didn't need</b> a break.
We <b>sailed</b> at the local sailing club.	We <b>didn't sail</b> at the local sailing club.
They <b>loved</b> the beach.	They <b>didn't love</b> the beach.



## Negate these sentences

1. I went on holidays last summer.



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2. I walked all day today.



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3. He listened to music in his room last night.



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4. We visited our grandparents last week.



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5. They relaxed in the garden yesterday.



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## Describe what happened...

- Describe what happened in the following slides.



Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



*He went...*

*He didn't go...*





Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



*She saw...*

*He didn't  
remember...*



Describe what happened (or didn't happen)...



*She spoke...*

*He forgot...*



## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

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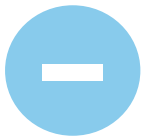
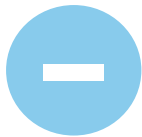
no




## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?

If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again





## Answer key (1/2)

### Exercise p. 11

**Present:** now, at the moment, today

**Past:** yesterday afternoon, last night, a few months ago, last week, last year

### Exercise p. 9

**-ed:** washed, worked, watched, played  
**-ied:** tried, studied, cried, carried

### Exercise p. 8

1. walked, 2. watched, 3. visited, 4. studied, 5. talked

### Exercise p. 7

talked, walked, played, watched, listened, studied



## Answer key (2/2)

### Exercise p. 12

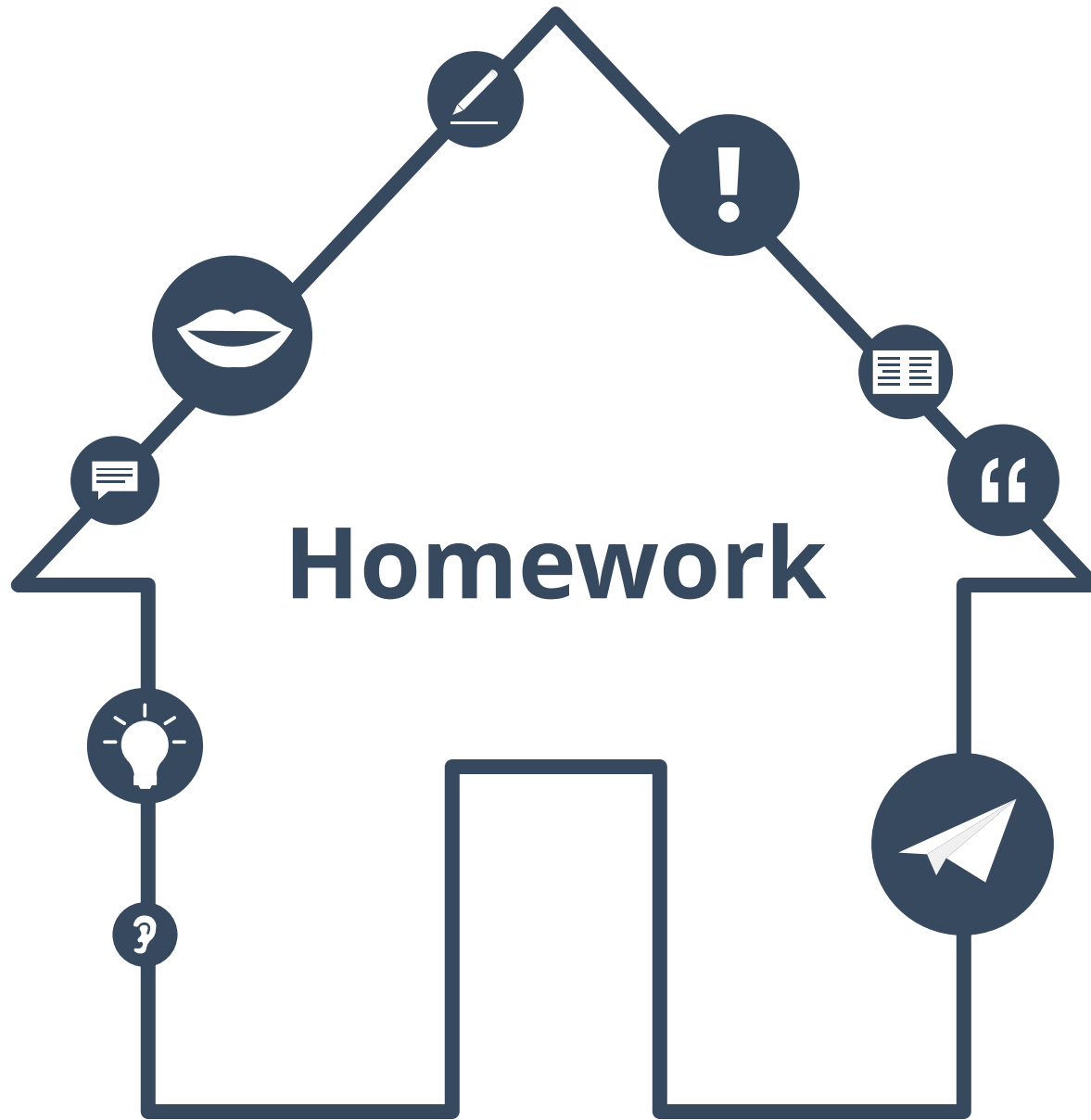
1a, 2c, 3c, 4b

### Exercise p. 14

2. We played basketball, 3. She visited her grandparents, 4. They studied for the test.

### Exercise p. 20

1. I didn't go, 2. I didn't walk, 3. He didn't listen, 4. We didn't visit, 5. They didn't relax.





## Complete the table

walk	_____
_____	watched
play	_____
_____	listened
visit	_____
cook	_____
study	_____
stay	_____
enjoy	_____







## Write the verb in the past simple

to stay	_____
to visit	_____
to watch	_____
to do	_____
to walk	_____
to carry	_____
to go	_____
to answer	_____
to look	_____





## Transform the sentences to the past simple

1. I go to the cinema (negative)

→ I **didn't go** to the cinema.

2. She likes chocolate. (positive)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. They go to Greece. (negative)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. He visits his girlfriend.  
(positive)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. We do our homework.  
(positive)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. We do our homework.  
(negative)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. I call my friend. (positive)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

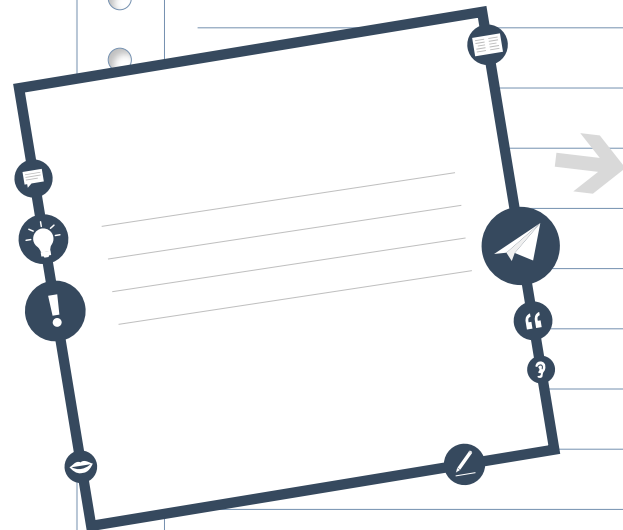
8. You walk to work. (negative)

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3  
and find examples of  
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.  
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text  
that are examples of  
topic of the lesson.



## Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.  
Which are new? Do you know all of them?  
Look these words up.**

Verbs

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## Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.  
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**



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Examples:

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I don't understand

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→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.

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He has a book

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→ We have a book

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## Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...  
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

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## Homework answer key

**Exercise p. 34**  
2. liked, 3. didn't go, 4. visited, 5. did, 6. didn't do, 7. called, 8. didn't walk

**Exercise p. 33**  
stayed, visited, watched, did, walked, carried, went, answered, looked

**Exercise p. 32**  
walked, watch, played, listen, visited, cooked, studied, stayed, enjoyed



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