

AXIS: II

1- Past simple

Objectives: The primary goal of this course is to make students know how to use the past simple.

5-1 When we talk about an event that occurred in the past, we use the past simple tense.

Generally, regular verbs in the past tense end with "ed," as in the following example:

- He works in a museum now. Before that, he **worked** in a school.
- I **invited** her to my wedding, but she **decided** not to come.

Did/didn't + infinitive are used in questions and negatives (write/read/do etc.):

I	Wrote		You	Write
She	read	did	she	read
They	did		they	do

A: Did you read the novel last night?

B: Yes, I **read it**, but I **didn't enjoy** the novel so much.

5-1 The past form of the auxiliary verb **be** (am/is/are) is was/were:

I/he/she/it	was/wasn't	Was	I/she/it/he?
we/you/they	were/weren't	Were	We/you/they

Please take note that we don't use "did" in questions and negatives when "was" or "were" is the main verb: see the following examples:

- **Was** the weather nice when you **were** on vacation?
- They **weren't** able to come to attend due to their busy schedule.
- **Were** you too exhausted to go out last night? (Murphy, 2012, p. 10).

Exercise:01: Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- It was warm, so I **took** off my coat, (take).
- The film wasn't very good. I **didn't enjoy** it much, (**enjoy**).
- I knew Sarah was busy, so I her. (**disturb**).
- We were very tired, so we the party early, (**leave**).
- The bed was very uncomfortable. I well. (**sleep**).

f- The hotel wasn't very expensive. It much to stay there, (**cost**)
(Murphy, 2012, p. 10)