



A: Did you leave home when you were eighteen?
 B: Yes, I did. Did you?
 A: No, I didn't. I was twenty-four. That's normal in my country.

C: Did you go to university?
 D: No, I didn't. I started work after school and then I met my first husband.
 C: Did you have any children?
 D: No, we didn't and we got divorced a year later. Then I got married to Roger. We celebrated our twentieth anniversary yesterday.
 C: Congratulations!

Presentation

Use *didn't* for negative sentences in the past simple.

Use *Did ...?* for questions in the past simple.

Use *did* or *didn't* for short answers.

Negative

I / You / He / She / We / They didn't go to university.

TIP Say *They didn't get married.* (don't say *They didn't got married.*)

Questions

Did I / you / he / she / we / they go to university?

TIP Say *Did you work there?* (don't say *Did you worked there?*)

Short answers

Yes, I / you / he / she / we / they did.

No, I / you / he / she / we / they didn't.

Key vocabulary Life events: leave school, start work, leave home, get married/divorced, have children, celebrate an anniversary/a birthday

People in your life: partner (≠ husband/wife)

1 Write a past simple sentence for each picture 1–8. Use the phrases in the box.

get divorced get married ~~leave school~~
 meet new partner not get married again ~~not go to university~~
 not have any children start work in an office



- 1 She left school in 1995.
- 2 She didn't go to university.
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

2 Complete the questions and answers with *did* or *didn't*.

- 1 A: Did you study English at school?
 B: No, I _____.
- 2 A: _____ you get married?
 B: Yes, I _____. I got married to Bill.
- 3 A: _____ you have children?
 B: Yes, we had two. Susie is eight and Stella is five.
- 4 A: _____ Bill leave home before university?
 B: No, he _____. He left home after university.

3 Write the questions for these answers. Then listen and check.

- 1 A: Did you get married _____ ?
 B: Yes, I did. I got married in 1981.
- 2 A: Did _____ at university?
 B: No, I didn't. I met Bill after university.
- 3 A: Did _____ any children?
 B: Yes, I had a girl. Michelle is three.
- 4 A: Did _____ last night?
 B: No, I didn't. I'm doing my homework now.
- 5 A: Did _____ to the airport?
 B: No, I took a taxi. It's faster than the bus.
- 6 A: Did _____ to Spain on holiday?
 B: No, we didn't. We went to France.
- 7 A: Did _____ late this morning?
 B: No, I didn't. I got up early.