

Past simple tense pair work questions

Ask and answer the questions. You can use the responses practice answers or as guides. Of course, you can create your own response. If the answer is "No/I didn't.." move on to the next question or ask, "Why didn't you.....?".

1. What did you have for breakfast this morning?

- I had cereal and milk.
- I ate a piece of toast and some fruit.
- I didn't eat breakfast today.

Follow-up: Was it enough?

2. Where did you go on your last vacation?

- I visited Paris, France.
- I went to a beach resort in Florida.
- I stayed at home and relaxed.

Follow-up: What was your favorite thing about the vacation?

3. When did you last go to the supermarket?

- I went yesterday after work.
- I went this morning.
- I can't remember, it was a while ago.

Follow-up: What did you buy from there?

4. Who did you talk to on the phone last?

- I talked to my best friend.
- I spoke with a customer service representative.
- I had a conversation with my boss.

Follow-up: What was the conversation about?

5. What movie did you see last?

- I saw The Batman last night. It was really good!
- I haven't seen a movie in a while.
- I'm not sure what movie I saw last.

Follow-up: Did you enjoy it and why?

6. Where did you grow up?

- I grew up in a small town in Kansas.
- I was raised in Tokyo, Japan.
- I grew up in New York City.

Follow-up: How has that place influenced you?

7. When did you learn how to drive?

- I learned when I was 16 years old.
- I took driving lessons last year.
- I still don't know how to drive.

Follow-up: Do you enjoy driving?

8. Who did you have lunch with today?

- I had lunch with my colleagues at work.
- I ate alone at my desk.
- I had a family lunch at home.

Follow-up: What did you discuss during lunch?

9. What did you wear to work yesterday?

- I wore a blue suit and tie.
- I wore jeans and a T-shirt.
- I worked from home, so I wore comfortable clothes.

Follow-up: Is that what you usually wear?

10. Where did you last go out to eat?

- I went to a Japanese restaurant downtown.
- I ate at a small cafe near my house.
- I had dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Follow-up: How was the food and the service?

Yes/No Questions: If the answer is “No” move on to the next question or ask, “Why didn’t you.....?”.

1. Did you look at the stars last night? Yes, I did./No, I didn’t.

- Yes, I set up my telescope and enjoyed the view.
- No, it was too cloudy to see anything.
- I looked at the night sky for a bit, but I couldn’t see much.

Follow-up: What did you see?

2. Did you have a coffee today? Yes, I did./No, I didn’t.

- Yes, I can't start my day without it.
- No, I prefer tea.
- I like it, but only occasionally.

Follow-up: How do you usually have your coffee/tea?

3. Did you paint any anything over the weekend?

- Yes, I worked on a landscape piece I've been planning.
- No, I didn't find the inspiration.
- Yes, I painted the house.

Follow-up: What color do you like to use?

4. Did you sing a song yesterday? Yes, I did./No, I didn’t.

- Yes, I sang a pop song in the shower.
- No, I can’t sing.
- I sang in the car while I was driving.

5. Did you write any emails last week? Yes, I did./No, I didn’t.

- Yes, I wrote an email to a friend.
- No, I didn’t have time.
- I had to write and send some emails at work.