

Past Tense of Do: Did and Done

Do is an irregular verb. Use did for a finished action in the past. Use done after have or has. In the present, use does with he, she and it.

Base	do
Past	did
Past participle	done
3rd person / -ing	does / doing

Examples

I do my homework after school. — Do is the main verb here: I do homework.

You do a lot of exercise. — Use do with you, I, we and they.

She did the dishes after dinner. — Did is the past form; it needs no helper.

We did our best in the test. — Did our best means we tried very hard.

I have done all my work. — After have, use the participle done.

He has done the shopping. — Has done is the present perfect.

Notes

Main verb or helper Do can be a main verb (I do my homework) or a helper in questions and negatives (Do you like tea? I do not like coffee). The helper do has no meaning of its own.

Did and does are followed by the base form After did, does or do, the next verb stays in its base form: She did not do it. Does he do yoga? Never say did not did.

Do or make? Use do for tasks and activities: do homework, do the dishes. Use make for creating something: make a cake.

Common mistakes

She do her homework. → She does her homework. — With he, she and it, the present form is does.

He has did it. → He has done it. — After has or have, use the past participle done.

Did you did it? → Did you do it? — After did, the main verb goes back to the base form.

Exercises

Choose the right form

1. He ___ his homework every evening. (do / does / done)
2. We ___ the shopping yesterday. (did / done / do)
3. I have ___ my work. (did / done / does)
4. She didn't ___ the dishes. (did / done / do)

Write the missing form

1. They have ___ their best.

2. My brother ___ the cooking last night.
3. He ___ yoga on Mondays these days.

Correct the mistake

1. I have did my homework.

Answer key

Choose the right form

1. does — With he in the present, use does.
2. did — Yesterday is past, so use did.
3. done — After have, use the participle done.
4. do — After didn't, the verb stays in the base form do.

Write the missing form

1. done — Have plus the past participle is have done.
2. did — Last night takes the past form did.
3. does — A routine with he uses does.

Correct the mistake

1. done — After have, use done, not did.

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