

ADULTS A2 · GRAMMAR · LESSON 06 / 30

Once Upon a Holiday

Past Simple — Irregular Verbs

IRREGULAR VERBS · 55 MIN



YOUR LAST HOLIDAY OR TRIP

Warm-Up

Think about a trip you took...

1. Where did you go?
2. How did you get there?
3. What did you see?
4. What did you eat that was special?
5. Did you take any photos?



IRREGULAR VERBS — NO -ED, JUST MEMORY

Grammar Focus

English has ~200 irregular verbs. At A2 you need about 20. Go → went, see → saw, eat → ate. The irregular form is only for the affirmative. Negatives and questions use the base form: didn't go, Did you see?

SAME SYSTEM, DIFFERENT VERB FORM

+ Subject + **irregular past** · – Subject + **didn't** + base · ? **Did** + subj + base?

"I went." · "I didn't go." · "Did you go?"

THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT IRREGULAR VERBS AT A2

TRAVEL & MOVEMENT

go → went · come → came
get → got · take → took
leave → left · fly → flew
drive → drove · run → ran

COMMUNICATION

say → said · tell → told
see → saw · know → knew
think → thought · write → wrote
meet → met · find → found

DAILY LIFE

eat → ate · drink → drank
sleep → slept · wake → woke
buy → bought · pay → paid
make → made · give → gave

BE & HAVE

be → was / were
I/he/she/it was
you/we/they were
have → had · do → did

THE GOLDEN RULE — STILL THE SAME

❑ "I didn't went."

❑ "Did you saw?"

❑ "I didn't go."

❑ "Did you see?"



FOUR HOLIDAYS, TWENTY IRREGULAR VERBS

Reading

THE TRAVEL ISSUE · VOLUME 06

Once upon a holiday

Four trips. No regular verbs — only the irregular ones.

TRIP ONE · TWO WEEKS IN JAPAN

Lucia, 30 · Madrid → Japan

Lucia flew to Tokyo. She had two weeks. "I got to the airport at five. The flight took fourteen hours. I slept for most of it."

In Tokyo she went to Shibuya and Asakusa. She saw the famous crossing, ate ramen, and drank matcha. "The food was incredible."

She took the bullet train to Kyoto. She saw temples, met an artist who made pottery. "He gave me a small bowl. I thought that was so kind."

She wrote postcards, took 500 photos, bought gifts. "I came home a different person. Japan taught me to slow down. I found peace in the small things."

IRREGULAR PAST · TRAVEL VERBS Over 20 irregular forms: flew, had, got, took, slept, went, saw, ate, drank, was, met, made, gave, thought, wrote, bought, came, taught, found.

TRIP TWO · A ROAD TRIP THROUGH ICELAND

David & Marta · Copenhagen → Iceland

They drove around Iceland for ten days. They flew to Reykjavik, left the city on the first morning. "We had no fixed plan. We just drove."

They saw waterfalls, volcanoes, glaciers. They found a hot spring. "We got in and sat there for an hour. We didn't see another person."

They ate lamb soup and dried fish. One night they woke up at 2 a.m. and saw the Northern Lights. "We ran outside in our pyjamas. It was the most beautiful thing."

NEGATIVES "We didn't see another person" — didn't + base (see), not didn't saw.

TRIP THREE · THREE MONTHS IN SOUTH AMERICA**Aisha, 27 · London → South America**

Aisha went to South America for three months. She flew to Lima and took buses across the continent.

In Peru she saw Machu Picchu. "I woke up at four, began the hike. When I got to the top, I sat down and cried." She met travellers, made friends, ate together, told each other stories.

In Bolivia she went to the salt flats. In Argentina she drank mate, ate empanadas. "A stranger took my hand and said: Just follow me."

Did she get homesick? "Once. I rang my mum and said I wanted to come home. She said: You'll be fine. She was right."

QUESTIONS "Did she get homesick?" — Did + subject + base (get), not Did she got.

TRIP FOUR · A WEEKEND THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING**Kenji, 35 · Osaka → Mountain Village**

Kenji drove three hours to a small village. He found a guesthouse. "The woman gave me tea. She didn't say much. She just smiled."

He slept in a tatami room, woke at dawn, went for a walk. "I saw deer. I heard a river. I sat on a rock and did nothing for an hour."

The old man made dinner. "He told me stories. He spoke slowly. I thought: this is what life should be like."

He left on Sunday. "That weekend gave me something I hadn't had in years: peace. I went back and knew — I had to change my life."

WAS/WERE + DIDN'T "It wasn't a long trip", "She didn't say much" — didn't + base (say), not didn't said.

ANSWER KEY

PART VI · PRACTICE

1. B — went
2. A — saw
3. C — didn't see
4. B — Did / buy
5. A — was
6. C — ate
7. B — gave
8. A — got
9. C — were
10. B — said

PART IX · MINI QUIZ

- Q1: C — went
- Q2: B — ate
- Q3: A — didn't take
- Q4: D — Did / see
- Q5: B — were
- Q6: A — bought
- Q7: C — thought
- Q8: B — told
- Q9: A — had
- Q10: D — He didn't went

Well done! Lesson 06 complete. Next: Past Continuous — Meanwhile, in the City...