

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

GRAMMAR DICTATION *Past Simple* YES/NO QUESTIONS (with short answers)

Past Simple Tense: with 'Be' Verbs

<p>Was I happy? Were you happy? Was he / she / it happy? Were we happy? Were they happy?</p>	<p>Yes, you were. Yes, I was. Yes, he / she / it was. Yes, we were. Yes, they were.</p>	<p>No, you weren't. No, I wasn't. No, he / she / it wasn't. No, we weren't. No, they weren't.</p>
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Past Simple Tense: with Verbs

<p>Did I study? Did you study? Did he / she / it study? Did we study? Did they study?</p>	<p>Yes, you did. Yes, I did. Yes, he / she / it did. Yes, we did. Yes, they did.</p>	<p>No, you didn't. No, I didn't. No, he / she / it didn't. No, we didn't. No, they didn't.</p>
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- **Directions:** Listen to your teacher read aloud twenty questions. Write a short answer for each question.

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| 1. <u>Yes, I did.</u> | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

YES/NO QUESTIONS (with short answers)

1. Did you come to class today?	Yes, I did .	
2. Did you eat breakfast this morning?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
3. Were you tired this morning?	Yes, I was .	No, I wasn't .
4. Were any of your classmates late today?	Yes, they were .	No, they weren't .
5. Was it sunny yesterday?	Yes, it was .	No, it wasn't .
6. Did you buy lunch yesterday?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
7. Were you happy yesterday?	Yes, I was .	No, I wasn't .
8. Was yesterday Monday?	Yes, it was .	No, it wasn't .
9. Did you go to bed early last night?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
10. Were you at school yesterday?	Yes, I was .	No, I wasn't .
11. Did your friend phone you last night?	Yes, he/she did .	No, he/she didn't .
12. Was your teacher angry yesterday?	Yes, he/she was .	No, he/she wasn't .
13. Did people fly to the moon in 1969?	Yes, they did .	
14. Did the sun rise this morning?	Yes, it did .	
15. Did you smile this morning?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
16. Was it three o'clock ten minutes ago?	Yes, it was .	No, it wasn't .
17. Did you clean your home yesterday?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
18. Were some dinosaurs very big?	Yes, they were .	
19. Did you live in England last year?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
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Grammar Focus Yes/No Questions with Past Simple

Level Intermediate

ACTIVITY NOTES

My Notes



Part 1 (*listen and write*)

Distribute the handout (page 1) to your students, and then dictate the questions on page 2. Make sure your students understand that, for many of the questions, there may be two possible answers (for example, Q: “Did you eat breakfast this morning? A: “Yes, I did,” or “No, I didn’t.”)

Part 2

Distribute page 2 (one half to each student) so they can check their answers.

Part 3 (*listen and speak*)

After they check their answers, have your students seated together with a partner. Assign one student to be a ‘teacher’ who will read the questions to his/her classmate (‘student’), while the classmate answers the questions verbally (make sure the ‘student’ does not look at the Answer sheet.) When finished, have them switch roles, and continue.