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Unit 6 - Lesson 30 - The Simple Past Negative

"I didn't"

In spoken English, the following contraction is often used:

Without Contraction	With Contraction
did not	didn't

For example:-

I/he/she/it/you/we/you/they	did not	did not have	did not read	did not like	did not eat	did not drink
I/he/she/it/you/we/you/they	didn't	didn't have	didn't read	didn't like	didn't eat	didn't drink

In order to change an affirmative statement into a negative statement, did not is placed after the subject, and the form of the verb is changed to the bare infinitive.

Positive statement

I worked.

You worked. (singular 1 and plural 1+)

He/She worked.

It worked.

We worked.

They worked.

Negative statement

I didn't work.

You didn't work.

He/She didn't work.

It didn't work

We didn't work.

They didn't work.

What Mr Bean did and didn't do yesterday.



On Saturday Mr Bean
didn't *wake up* at 6.00 am.
He *woke up* at 8.00 am.



He didn't *get up* at 6.15 am.
He *got up* at 9.00 am.



He didn't *go* to the office. He
went to the bathroom



He didn't *have* a shower.
He *had* a bath.



After his shower he didn't
have a cup of coffee. He *had* a
shave and brushed his teeth.



He didn't *eat* breakfast at
about 7.00 am. He *ate*
breakfast at about 10.00 am.



After breakfast he didn't
read the newspaper. He
went for a run.



After his run he didn't *go* to
work. He went to meet his
friends.