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Who Ate the Cake? A Simple Past Mystery

Detective story: simple past forms, did and didn't

Last Saturday Grandma Rose baked a big chocolate cake for the school party. At three o'clock she put the cake on the kitchen table. Then she went to the shop. When she came back at four o'clock, the cake wasn't there! There were only some crumbs on the table. Three people from the family were at home that afternoon: Tom, Lucy and Uncle Bill. Lucy's friend Anna was there, too.



Tom:
"I played football in the garden all afternoon. I didn't go into the kitchen."

Lucy:
"I did my homework in my room with my friend Anna. We didn't eat anything."

Uncle Bill:
"I watched a film on TV in the living room. Then I fell asleep on the sofa. I didn't leave the living room."

The detective's notes



1. Mrs Brown from next door saw Tom in the garden from three to five.
2. Anna says: "Lucy and I were in her room all afternoon. We didn't leave it."
3. The TV didn't work that day. It was broken.
4. The detective found chocolate on Uncle Bill's shirt.

1 Find the simple past forms of these verbs in the texts. Are they regular (-ed)?
Suche die simple-past-Formen in den Texten. Sind die Verben regelmäßig (-ed)?

infinitive	simple past	regular?
bake		yes □ no □
put		yes □ no □
go		yes □ no □
come		yes □ no □
play		yes □ no □

infinitive	simple past	regular?
do		yes □ no □
watch		yes □ no □
fall		yes □ no □
see		yes □ no □
find		yes □ no □

2 Who ate the cake? Who didn't tell the truth? Explain.
Wer hat den Kuchen gegessen? Wer hat gelogen? Begründe.

_____ ate the cake.

He / She said, "_____,"

but _____

3 Answer with short answers.
Antworte mit Kurzantworten: Yes, he did. / No, she didn't.

Did Grandma bake a cake? _____ Did Lucy watch TV? _____

Did Tom play football? _____ Did Uncle Bill watch a film? _____

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Who Ate the Cake? A Simple Past Mystery – Lösung

Aufgabe 1

infinitive	simple past	regular?
bake	baked	✓ yes
put	put	✗ no
go	went	✗ no
come	came	✗ no
play	played	✓ yes

infinitive	simple past	regular?
do	did	✗ no
watch	watched	✓ yes
fall	fell	✗ no
see	saw	✗ no
find	found	✗ no

Regelmäßig: baked, played, watched. Unregelmäßig: put, went, came, did, fell, saw, found (put bleibt gleich). Weitere simple-past-Formen im Text: was, were (be) und die Verneinungen mit **didn't** + Grundform (didn't go, didn't eat, didn't leave, didn't work).

Aufgabe 2

Uncle Bill ate the cake. He said, "I watched a film on TV," but the TV didn't work that day. And there was chocolate on his shirt. – Tom was in the garden (Mrs Brown saw him), Lucy was in her room with Anna.

Aufgabe 3

1. Did Grandma bake a cake? – **Yes, she did.**
2. Did Lucy watch TV? – **No, she didn't.**
3. Did Tom play football? – **Yes, he did.**
4. Did Uncle Bill watch a film? – **No, he didn't.**

Bei Aufgabe 2 sind auch andere Begründungen richtig, solange sie die Notizen 3 oder 4 nutzen. Merke: In Fragen und Verneinungen steht **did** – das Verb bleibt in der Grundform: *Did he watch …? – He didn't watch …*

Weiter: Die Schüler spielen das Verhör nach. Der Detektiv fragt: „What did you do at half past three?" – „I …"

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