Activity Type
Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus
Past simple yes/no questions and short answers
'Did you...?'
'Yes, I did' 'No, I didn't'
Past simple 'Wh' follow-up questions

Aim
To ask and answer past simple yes/no questions with 'Did you...?'

Preparation
Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level
Elementary

Time
30 minutes

Introduction
In this insightful worksheet activity, students practice asking and answering past simple yes/no questions with 'Did you...?'

Procedure
Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Working alone, students write down a past simple yes/no question for each sentence on their worksheet.

When the students have finished, check the questions with the class.

Explain that the students are going to find one person who did each of the things shown on the worksheet and write his or her name at the start of the corresponding sentence.

Students then move around the classroom asking each other the questions.

Make sure the students reply appropriately with 'Yes, I did' or 'No, I didn't'.

When a student receives a positive reply, the student writes the respondent’s name at the start of the corresponding sentence.

Encourage students to ask at least one past simple 'Wh' follow-up question before moving on to speak to someone else.

Students should collect a different name for each sentence.

When the students have finished, have them share their findings with the class.
Write a past simple yes/no question for each sentence. Then, find one student who did each of the things and write their name at the start of the corresponding sentence.

1. Question: Did you write an email yesterday? 
______________ wrote an email yesterday.

2. Question: Did you go shopping last Saturday? 
______________ went shopping last Saturday.

3. Question: Did you wake up after seven o’clock this morning? 
______________ woke up after seven o’clock this morning.

4. Question: Did you go to the park last week? 
______________ went to the park last week.

5. Question: Did you play a computer game yesterday? 
______________ played a computer game yesterday.

6. Question: Did you stay at home last Sunday? 
______________ stayed at home last Sunday.

7. Question: Did you go to bed late last night? 
______________ went to bed late last night.

8. Question: Did you go to the beach last month? 
______________ went to the beach last month.

9. Question: Did you have dinner in a restaurant last week? 
______________ had dinner in a restaurant last week.

10. Question: Did you meet some friends last weekend? 
______________ met some friends last weekend.

11. Question: Did you watch a film yesterday? 
______________ watched a film yesterday.

12. Question: Did you read a book last week? 
______________ read a book last week.