



A TRIP TO MADRID

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Lead in

Ask the students to give you the past tense of the following verbs and check they understand the meaning:

Fly / get / have / leave / drive / arrive / park / go / wait / take / arrive / catch / be

Listening Comprehension / Text

Read the following text to the student. The first time, tell them just to listen so they concentrate on the meaning. Read the text a second time and ask them to make notes and then tell you what they have understood.

Last Friday Maria flew from Rome to Madrid. She got up early, had a cup of coffee and a piece of toast for breakfast and left the house at half past seven to go to the airport. She drove there and arrived at nine o'clock. She parked her car and went into the airport, she went through passport control and waited in the departure lounge. Her plane took off at a quarter past eleven and arrived in Madrid two hours later. She caught a taxi to the centre of the city and went to her hotel which was next to the Puerta del Sol.

Language practice: Simple past tense – negative form

Explain that we make the negative of the past tense using:

SUBJECT + DIDN'T + INFINITIVE

I didn't go to the meeting because I didn't have time.

He didn't see the film.

Read the following sentences to the students. Ask them to make the sentence negative and then give you the correct information.

Example: Last Thursday Maria flew to Madrid.

Maria didn't fly to Madrid last Thursday. She flew last Friday.





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1. Maria flew from London to Madrid.

Maria didn't fly from London to Madrid. She flew from Rome to Madrid.

2. She got up late.

She didn't get up late. She got up early.

3. She had orange juice for breakfast.

She didn't have orange juice for breakfast. She had a cup of coffee for breakfast.

4. She left the house at half past eight.

She didn't leave the house at half past eight. She left the house at half past seven.

5. She went to the airport by bus.

She didn't go to the airport by bus. She went by car.

6. She arrived at 10 o'clock.

She didn't arrive at 10 o'clock. She arrived at nine o'clock.

7. Her plane took off at 12 o'clock.

Her plane didn't take off at 12 o'clock. It took off at quarter past eleven.

8. The flight took three hours.

The flight didn't take three hours. It took two hours.





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9. She caught the bus to the centre of the city.

She didn't catch the bus to the centre of the city. She caught a taxi.

10. Her hotel was next to the Retiro Park.

Her hotel wasn't next to the Retiro Park. It was next to the Puerta del Sol.

Question practice

Explain to the student that past tense questions are made using:

DID + SUBJECT + INFINITIVE

Did he come to the party?

Did they buy the bread?

Ask the student to make a suitable question for the following answers.

Example: Maria flew to Madrid last Friday. When did Maria fly to Madrid?

1. She had a cup of coffee.

What did she have for breakfast?

2. She left the house at half past seven.

What time did she leave the house?

3. She went to the airport by car.

How did she go to the airport?

4. Her plane took off at 11.15.

What time did her plane take off?

5. She stayed in a hotel in the centre of the city.

Where did she stay?

6. She stayed in Madrid for three days.

How long did she stay in Madrid?

Further practice

Ask the student to tell you about a trip that they made recently.

