**The Verb ‘to do’**

**Present tense: do**

**Past tense: did**

* I did
* Do you notice a pattern here?
* Is it ever acceptable to say “We done”?

(*No!)*

* We did
* He did
* She did
* They did
* It did

The confusion probably arises as the past participle of ‘do’ is ‘done’ – e.g. the roast is done. You sometimes hear people use the past participle instead of the past tense.

For example ‘I done my homework’ should be ‘I **did** my homework’.

We use the past tense for any actions that started and finished in the past. Basically, if it happened in the past and it’s not happening now, you use the word ‘did’, not ‘done’.

For example: We **did** really well in the match last night.

*Note: You may use ‘done’ to say it is completed – e.g. she has done / I have done.*

**Practice Exercises**

**Complete each sentence with ‘did’ or ‘done’.**

1. **Year 11 \_\_\_\_\_ their football training this morning.**
2. **Is the pasta \_\_\_\_\_\_ yet? The sauce is ready.**
3. **I have \_\_\_\_ over three pages of work.**
4. **She \_\_\_\_ really well in Science yesterday.**
5. **We \_\_\_\_ our best. It’s a shame we lost.**
6. **I never enjoyed swimming but my sister \_\_\_\_\_\_.**
7. **I \_\_\_\_ the best painting in Art this morning.**
8. **He \_\_\_\_\_ really well to stand up on stage on his own.**
9. **They \_\_\_\_\_ really great work for charity last year.**

 **10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ all of the washing up last night.**

Answers: 1) did 2) done 3) done 4) did 5) did 6) did 7) did 8) did 9) did 10) did