

Yes, I did. (Grammar)

- Description:** A walk-around exercise to practice asking and understanding questions, and giving (truthful) short answers.
- Use with or after:** *English Network 1 (New Edition)*, Unit 3, Step 3.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Short answers with *did/didn't*, *was/wasn't*, *have/haven't* (only with *have got*), *can/can't* and *do/don't*. (Half the questions require answers with *did/didn't*.)
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the second and third pages of this file (on stiff paper if possible) and cut along the dotted lines. This will give you 16 different prompt cards.
 - If you have more than 16 students in your class, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the questions twice.
- Procedure:**
- Write on the board: *Yes, I _____*. *No, I _____*. Explain that in this activity they should give truthful answers in this form: *Yes* + two words or *No* + two words.
 - Give each student one of the prompt cards. Ask them to stand up, walk around and talk to one person at a time. At each encounter, each student should read out the question and check that the other person gives one of the two possible answers as listed on the card.
 - Take a card yourself and do the exercise with them, so you can be available to help or make corrections.
 - If anyone starts giving negative answers in the long form (such as *No, I did not*), point out that this is only done when there is some particular reason to stress the answer, for instance when one is angry or aggressive.

Did you spend a lot of money on your last holiday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Were you born in Germany?

Yes, I was.
No, I wasn't.

Did you buy a phone card on your last holiday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Have you got any children?

Yes, I have.
No, I haven't.

Did you change money on your last holiday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Can you speak French?

Yes, I can.
No, I can't.

Did you send a lot of postcards from your last holiday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Do you always send lots of postcards from your holidays?

Yes, I do.
No, I don't.



Did you phone one of your friends yesterday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Have you got a car?

Yes, I have.
No, I haven't.



Did you go to the supermarket last Saturday?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Were you at the supermarket last Saturday?

Yes, I was.
No, I wasn't.



Did you forget your homework last week?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Can you play golf?

Yes, I can.
No, I can't.



Did you eat at a restaurant last Saturday evening?

Yes, I did.
No, I didn't.

Do you work for an American company?

Yes, I do.
No, I don't.

