Dan: What are you doing with that wrench?

Mike: I just fixed my tire. It was flat, and I needed a wrench to fix it.

Dan: Did you fix your bicycle all by yourself?

Mike: Sure did. My father taught\* me how to fix my bike. I learned how to fix a lot of things, so my mother calls me "Mr. Fix-it."



Dan: Can you fix my wristwatch? I broke it last week.

Mike: Sorry. My father didn't teach me how to fix watches.

- What can you fix? How do you fix it?
- Choose a nickname for yourself: "Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_-it"
- How many past tense verbs can you find in the dialogue above?

Make a sentence: I need a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

<sup>\*</sup>taught is the past tense of teach

## Past Tense (5)

Grammar

To make a *negative* **past tense** sentence, just add "did not" (or "didn't") before the verb. (You don't need to use the past tense form of the verb.)

positive		negative
I went	>	I didn't go
You ate	<b>→</b>	You didn't eat
We saw	<b>→</b>	We didn't see
They fell	>	They didn't fall
He gave	$\rightarrow$	He didn't give
She took	$\rightarrow$	She didn't take
It jumped	<b>→</b>	It didn't jump

<sup>\*</sup>The past tense of the "Be Verbs" (am, is, are) is **was** and **were.** To make them negative, you just add "not." (I wasn't sick. They weren't tired.)

Write the following sentences as negative past tense sentences.

## Example: I went to school.

→ I didn't go to school.

Alan took a math test yesterday.
2. My friend's dog bit me on the leg.
3. Carl flew in an airplane last month.
4. Betty finished her homework before dinner.