

Re: was did

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On Mon, 15 Sep 2008 21:55:51 -0700 (PDT), "benlizro@xxxxxxxxxxx" <benlizro@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In googling for more examples of past participle ?did?, I came across a disturbing number of cases where ?was did? seemed to replace standard ?did?. A few examples

- What was did Andrew Johnson?s loyalty oath say?
- What was did Malcolm X learn at school?
- What was did families do for fun in the 30s?
- What practical use do I have for this hill that was did not previously exist when I chose this relatively level lot?
- We arrived on a freezing cold night to an empty restaurant that was did not have out (reserved) table ready.
- As a sample return mission, there is no way that it can be considered a scaled down Phobos 2, given that that was did not involve sample return.
- She began to tell me that what I was did was very wrong and that I was very bad.
- Two different times I was did pictures under contract to him, and both times he reneged on the contracts.
- It was the opinion of her contemporaries that she would have recovered from this illness if she had fought against it, but she was did not want to.

This has unsettled me almost as much as my discoveries about ?whom? a few years ago. Can all these be just the result of badly edited typing? or is there some new development in Aux that I hadn?t noticed?

I grew up in North America and still live in the United States (although not in North America), and I can tell you how to construct those, or how I do it anyway. Write an e-mail message. Use a "was" construction. Go back and change it to a "did" construction, but forget to delete the "was." Et voila. (Ett VOY-la.) I can't imagine that those are anything but typos.

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