

Past Simple



The magazine **Marie Claire** asked its women journalists in **Rio, Beijing, and Moscow** to go out for the evening and write a report.

SABINA lives in _____. She went out with her friends Lali and Anna on a Friday night.

I _____ (wear) a black sweater and trousers and a lot of make-up. Girls here like wearing sexy clothes!

We _____ (go) to Piramida. It's a bar and restaurant that's open 24 hours a day, and it's the 'in' place at the moment. There's a DJ and we _____ (see) a lot of interesting people.

We _____ (have) coffee and apple cake and then wine.

We _____ (talk) about Lali's problems with her boyfriend. She _____ (be) a bit sad. Then some men at the next table _____ (start) talking to us and they _____ (buy) us a drink. This is a very macho country and then men always pay for women's drinks.

We got a taxi. It can be quite dangerous here at night and the metro closes at about 12.30.

We _____ (leave) Piramida at about 1.30, and I got home at 2.00.

Fantastic. 10 points. We _____ (have) a great time and Lali _____ (be) happy again.

SHARON lives in _____. She went out with her friends Nicole and Hujia on a Saturday night

I _____ (wear) a long dress. People are quite traditional here but young people want to wear new fashions and have new hair colours.

First I _____ (drive) to Bar Street, a street with about 50 bars. We _____ (meet) in the Pink Loft, a Thai restaurant. After dinner we _____ (go) to a tea house because it's a good place to talk.

We _____ (have) typical Thai food, like green curry. Then we _____ (have) tea. Women here don't drink a lot of alcohol.

We _____ (talk) about our love lives, especially Hujia's. She has a problem with her partner. We _____ (talk) about men, fashion, and literature.

We _____ (go) home by car. I didn't drink any alcohol so I _____ (can) drive.

We _____ (leave) at 12.00 and I _____ (get) home at about 12.30.

It _____ (be) a very good night. 8 points.

a) Where do you think the women are? Write *Rio de Janeiro, Beijing, or Moscow*.

b) Write questions for the women's answers.

- 1) _____ ? Yes, we had a good time.
- 2) _____ ? We went home by car.
- 3) _____ ? We met in the Pink Loft, a Thai restaurant.
- 4) _____ ? We had typical Thai food, like green curry. Then we had tea.
- 5) _____ ? I wore a black sweater.
- 6) _____ ? We got home at about 12.30.
- 7) _____ ? We talked about our love lives.

c) Listen to Sylvia talking about their 'girls' night out' and complete the dialogue. How many points out of 10?

- Jon: Sylvia, from Rio de Janeiro _____ with four friends: Carina, Monica, Ana and Thelma. Sylvia can you tell us about your 'girls night out'?
- Sylvia: Sure.
- Jon: What _____ ?
- Sylvia: I _____ jeans and a jacket, and two friends _____ the same.
- Jon: And _____ ?
- Sylvia: Well, first _____ a restaurant in Ipanema. It's a place where a lot of famous people go and we _____ an actor there called Fernando Pinto. Carina really likes him, and in fact, she's crazy about him. Then we _____ to a beach bar and _____ some drinks, and then later _____.
- Jon: _____ to eat and drink?
- Sylvia: At the restaurant _____ beer and we _____ some French fries, and at the beach bar we _____ beer and Coconut Porter.
- Jon: _____ talk about?
- Sylvia: About men, of course! What else?
- Jon: _____ home?
- Sylvia: By taxi. I have a car, but I don't like driving at night.
- Jon: _____ you get home?
- Sylvia: Very very late. I don't remember exactly what time.
- Jon: So, _____ a good time?
- Sylvia: Yes, it was good! Not fantastic, but good. Seven out of ten.

Points:

d) Answer the questions.

- 1) Did Sylvia have a good time?
- 2) How did Sylvia get home?

3) What did Sylvia do?

4) What did she have to eat and drink?

5) What did she wear?

6) What time did she get home?

7) What did she and her friends talk about?

e) When was the last time you went out with friends? Look at the questions 1-7 above and plan your answers.

