TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

A) Read what Lisa, an assistant, has to say about a typical day:



I usually get up at 6 and have a small breakfast. I walk or cycle to work, which takes me 15 minutes on foot or 10 by bike. I start work at 7.30 I have coffee while I work. Then I have a lunch break at around 12. I don't eat much, but I try to have a small bite to eat. I keep working and have some fruit before I leave the office. I finish work at 5 o'clock and head home. Sometimes I stop at the supermarket to get some groceries. I usually cook dinner. I seldom buy ready-to-eat food from the deli. I don't usually go out on week nights. I go to bed at 11 or 11.30 I sleep well most nights.

B) Yesterday was a typical working day for Lisa. Write what she did or didn't do yesterday. Write full sentences. Use the same verbs as in the text, but in the past.

e.g. 1. She got up at 6.30.

2. She .....

3. She ..... to work.



4. She ..... at 7.30

5. She ..... coffee, she decided to have tea, instead.

6. She ..... at 12. She ..... a tuna sandwich.

7. She ..... till 5 o'clock.

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8. She ..... at the supermarket, but she ..... some ready-to-eat food at York Deli.

9. She ..... because it was a week night.

10. She ..... at 11.15

11. She ..... very well.

C) Put one of these verbs in each sentence in the past:

Buy – catch – cost – drink – fall – hurt – sell - spend – teach – throw – win - write

1. Mozart ..... more than 600 pieces of music.

2. How did you ..... to speak English? My teacher ..... me.

3. We couldn't afford to keep our bike, so we ..... it.

4. I was hot and thirsty, so I ..... the Coke quickly.

5. Martin and Serge ..... tennis yesterday. Martin ..... the game.

6. Mia ..... down the stairs yesterday and ..... her arm!

7. Peter ..... the baseball to Sue, who ..... it.

8. Matthew ..... a lot of money on a pair of jeans yesterday. They ..... $500.

D) Write questions in the past:

1. Where/go? Where did you go? How/be? How was it?

2. go alone? .....

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3. How long/stay? .....

4. stay at a hotel? .....

5. How/travel? .....

6. the weather fine? .....

7. the food good? .....

8. What/do? .....

9. meet anybody interesting? .....

10. When/come back? .....

E) Choose the best option:

1. It was warm, so I ..... my sweater.

2. The movie was bad. I ..... it.

3. I ..... Peter ..... busy, so I ..... him.

4. We ..... very tired, so we ..... to bed at 10.

5. The mattress ..... comfortable, so I ..... on the sofa.

6. María ..... hungry, so she .....

7. We ..... to Kate's place and ..... fun!!

8. The windows ....., so a bird .....in.

9. The hostel ..... really nice, it ..... cozy.

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