4 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a What is the past simple of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers in **Joe's** text.

go _____   begin _____
spend _____   leave _____
want _____   be _____ / _____
stay _____   think _____
know _____   argue _____
sunbathe _____ take _____

b Now underline the past simple ☐+ verbs in **Laura's** text. What are the infinitives?

c Find and underline two past simple ☐− verbs in the two texts. How do you make ☐− and ☐? in the past simple…?

- with normal verbs
- with *was / were*
- with *could*

d ▶ **p.128 Grammar Bank 2A.** Learn more about the past simple and practise it.

5 PRONUNCIATION regular verbs: -ed endings

a **1 37))** Listen and repeat the sentences.

	tie	We booked a holiday. We walked around the town.
	dog	We sunbathed on the beach. We argued about everything.
	/ɪd/	We rented a flat. We decided to break up.

b Say the past simple of these verbs. In which ones is -*ed* pronounced /ɪd/?

arrive   ask   end   invite   like   love   need   park   start   stay

c **1 38))** Listen and check.

> 🔍 **Regular past simple verbs**
> Remember that we don't normally pronounce the e in -*ed*.
> The -*ed* ending is usually pronounced /t/ or /d/. The difference between these endings is very small.
> We <u>only</u> pronounce the e in -*ed* when there is a **t** or a **d** before it, e.g. *wanted*, *ended*. With these verbs -*ed* = /ɪd/.

6 SPEAKING

a Look at **Your last holiday** below. What are the questions?

b Think about your answers to the questions.

YOUR LAST HOLIDAY

1 Where / go?
2 When / go?
3 Who / go with?
4 Where / stay?
5 What / the food like?
6 What / the weather like?
7 What / do during the day?
8 What / do at night?
9 / have a good time?
10 / have any problems?

c Work in pairs. Ask your partner about his / her holiday. Show interest in what he / she says, and ask for more information. Then swap roles.

Useful language for showing interest
+ *Really? Wow! Fantastic! Great! etc.*
− *Oh no! How awful! etc.*
? *Was it expensive? Why? What happened? etc.*