

2A GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Complete the dialogues with the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 **A** Is this your first time in the US, Anna?
B No, I ¹ took a vacation in Maine last year.
A Really? I love Maine! Where ² _____ you _____ (stay)?
B We ³ _____ (stay) in Portland. We ⁴ _____ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we ⁵ _____ (arrive), we ⁶ _____ (not like) it. So we ⁷ _____ (leave) that hotel and ⁸ _____ (rent) an apartment. It was great! What about you? When ⁹ _____ (be) you in Maine?
A Oh, a long time ago. I ¹⁰ _____ (start) a college course there. I ¹¹ _____ (not finish) the course, but I ¹² _____ (love) Maine!



- 2 **A** What's the problem, sir?
B Somebody ¹³ _____ (take) my clothes and bag when I ¹⁴ _____ (be) in the ocean!
A When ¹⁵ _____ this _____ (happen)?
B I ¹⁶ _____ (go) for a swim at 11 o'clock.
 I ¹⁷ _____ (not be) in the water for very long – about 15 minutes.
A ¹⁸ _____ you _____ (see) the person take your things?
B No. When I ¹⁹ _____ (come) out of the water, my bag ²⁰ _____ (not be) there.
A What ²¹ _____ you _____ (have) in your bag? Anything valuable?
B Yes! My cell phone, credit cards... Oh, I ²² _____ (know) it was a bad idea to leave my bag on the beach...

- 3 **A** Ruth! You're back! ²³ _____ you _____ (have) a good time?
B No. It ²⁴ _____ (be) awful.
A Why? What happened?
B We ²⁵ _____ (stay) in a really basic apartment, and Tom ²⁶ _____ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we ²⁷ _____ (not go) out much in the evening.
A What ²⁸ _____ you _____ (do) during the day?
²⁹ _____ you _____ (go) sightseeing?
B Yes, we visited all the famous places. But we ³⁰ _____ (spend) a lot of money on food, and we ³¹ _____ (argue) a lot about it. Tom ³² _____ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for his whole family! I ³³ _____ (not buy) anything.



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b Cover the sentences and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, the man on the beach, and Ruth and Tom.