

complete the past form and make a sentence using it.

• end

• _____

• live

• _____

• start

• _____

• stop

• _____

• travel

• _____

• wait

• _____

• walk

• _____

• want

• _____

• watch

• _____

CROSSING THE SAHARA

choose the correct verb for each gap. then complete the text with the past simple affirmative form.

Michael Asher is a British explorer and the first person to cross the Sahara Desert using only camels. As a young man, Asher ¹ _____ (work / arrive) as a police officer and then a teacher. But he ² _____ (want / wait) to be an explorer. So he ³ _____ (visit / move) to Africa, ⁴ _____ (live / watch) with an African tribe and ⁵ _____ (study / start) their language. He ⁶ _____ (describe / marry) an Italian woman called Mariantonietta Peru. She ⁷ _____ (plan / love) the idea of exploring too, and together, they ⁸ _____ (walk / plan) a journey across the Sahara Desert from west to east by camel and on foot. They ⁹ _____ (train / stop) for three months and then they ¹⁰ _____ (start / end) their journey. They ¹¹ _____ (work / travel) about 7,250 kilometres and ¹² _____ (arrive / live) at their destination 271 days later. Asher ¹³ _____ (decide / describe) the crossing in his book *Impossible Journey – Two Against the Sahara*.



complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

chat live stop travel wait walk

- 1 I walked into town last night.
- 2 My cousins _____ around Italy last summer.
- 3 We _____ three hours for a bus.
- 4 His grandparents _____ in America for years.
- 5 The rain _____ an hour ago.
- 6 I _____ to my neighbour yesterday morning.

add the 4 underlined time expressions from the sentences above. then put all of the expressions into the correct order 1-10, starting from the most recent

Past time expressions a few minutes ago last month
last week ten years ago three hours ago
two months ago

1 A few minutes ago, 2 ...

complete the sentences with true information about yourself. use the past simple affirmative of the verbs in brackets and a past time expressions.

- 1 I (arrive) at school _____.
I arrived at school three hours ago.
- 2 We (visit) relatives _____.
- 3 I (work) very hard _____.
- 4 I (start) at this school _____.
- 5 I (watch) a great programme on TV _____.
- 6 It (rain) a lot _____.