



Write down the dialog that you imagine they had at the airport, the scene of the movie segment. Use the simple past tense.

Now, watch the trailer and speaking give details of the characters, the situation and the plan. Did you see the film?

1 VOCABULARY holidays

a Write the phrases.



- 1 go camping
- 2 go a
- 3 flights on the internet
- 4 go
- 5 skis
- 6 go at night
- 7 in a hotel
- 8 go
- 9 on the beach
- 10 go for the weekend

b Make the verbs negative.

- 1 We stayed at a campsite.
We didn't stay in a hotel.
- 2 They bought postcards.
They didn't buy any souvenirs.
- 3 The people were unfriendly.
They weren't very helpful.
- 4 I sunbathed on the beach.
I didn't sunbathe by the pool.
- 5 We hired bikes.
We didn't hire a car.
- 6 He spent a month in Bangkok.
He didn't spend a week there.
- 7 Our room was dirty.
It wasn't very clean.

Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we *had* (have) a holiday in Scotland. We ¹ drove (drive) there from London, but our car ² broke (break) down on the motorway and we ³ spent (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we ⁴ got (get) to Edinburgh we ⁵ couldn't (not can) find a good hotel – they ⁶ were (be) all full. We ⁷ didn't know (not know) what to do, but in the end we ⁸ found (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we ⁹ stayed (stay) there for the week. We ¹⁰ saw (see) the castle, ¹¹ went (go) to the Arts Festival, and we ¹² bought (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³ wanted (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we ¹⁴ didn't have (not have) much time and it ¹⁵ wasn't (be) quite far away. The weather ¹⁶ wasn't (not be) very good, and it ¹⁷ started (start) raining the day we ¹⁸ left (leave).



2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a Write the past simple of these verbs in the correct column.

argue begin arrive ask buy can choose eat feel
invite rent say stay sunbathe

Regular	Irregular
<u>argued</u>	<u>began</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>
<u></u>	<u></u>

c Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ask book cannot decide go (x2) look take want

The holiday that wasn't

Four years ago, we ¹ decided to go away for the weekend. We ² wanted to go to Portugal, so we ³ booked a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we ⁴ took a taxi to the airport. We ⁵ arrived at the airport at two o'clock, and we ⁶ couldn't to check in. The woman at the desk ⁷ asked us for our passports. We ⁸ looked in our bags, but we ⁹ couldn't find them. So we ¹⁰ went home!

Read the text in c again. Complete the questions.

- 1 When did they decide to go away for the weekend? Four years ago.
- 2 Where did they want to go? Portugal.
- 3 How did they book the apartment? They booked it online.
- 4 When did they arrive at the airport? At two o'clock.
- 5 What did she ask for? She asked for their passports.
- 6 Where did they go in the end? They went back home.

2A past simple: regular and irregular verbs

	regular	irregular
☐	I stayed with friends.	We went to Brazil on holiday.
☐	I didn't stay in a hotel.	We didn't go to São Paulo.
☐	Did you stay for the weekend?	Did you go to Rio?
☒	Yes, I did .	No, we didn't .
Wh?	Where did you stay ?	Why did you go there?

- Use the past simple to talk about finished actions in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple ☐ of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in the ☒ past simple, e.g. *go > went*, *see > saw*. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

- Use the infinitive after *didn't* for negatives and *Did...?* for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QUASI** to remember word order in questions.

spelling rules for regular verbs		
infinitive	past	spelling
work stay	worked stayed	add <i>-ed</i>
like	liked	add <i>-d</i> if verb finishes in <i>e</i>
study	studied	<i>y > ied</i> after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant