

2A We had an adventure

Learn to talk about past holidays

G Past simple

V Tourism

1 READING AND LISTENING

a Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Where do you like to go on holiday?
- 2 Do you like to try new things on holiday? What?
- 3 Can you think of any kind of holiday you wouldn't enjoy?

b Read *Yes Man changed my life* and answer the questions.

- 1 What is Danny Wallace's book, *Yes Man* about?
- 2 What did Richard do after he read *Yes Man*?

c Read *Day One* and *Day Two* and then answer the questions.

Day One

- 1 Why did Richard go into the travel agent's?
- 2 What holiday did he book?
- 3 Did he book the kind of holiday he usually likes?
- 4 When was his flight?

Day Two

- 1 Why did Richard go to the beach?
- 2 How was the weather?
- 3 What did he buy at the beach?
- 4 What is he going to do on Day Three? How does he feel about it?

d Would you like to try water skiing? Do you think Richard will enjoy it?

e Listen to Richard describing day three. Are sentences 1–5 true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The class began with a lesson before they went out to sea.
- 2 Richard felt fine when they went out on the boat.
- 3 He found it difficult to stand up on the water skis.
- 4 He hated water skiing.
- 5 When he got back to the hotel, he went to bed.

f Can you think of a time when you were surprised you enjoyed something?

2 GRAMMAR Past simple: positive

a Underline the past simple form of these verbs in the article.

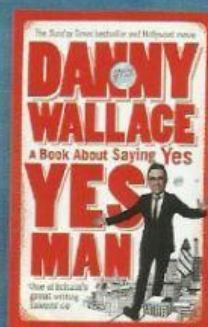
become feel decide start ask do change
have want get see sleep go arrive give

b Which verbs in 2a end in *-ed* in the past tense? How do the other verbs change?

You can find a list of irregular verbs on p.176

c Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I _____ as a waiter for a day, for no money. (work)
- 2 I _____ a day fishing with five Greek fishermen. (spend)
- 3 I _____ at a beach party until six in the morning. (stay)
- 4 I _____ a dancing competition. (win)
- 5 I _____ the same boat trip three times. (take)
- 6 I _____ swimming at midnight. (go)



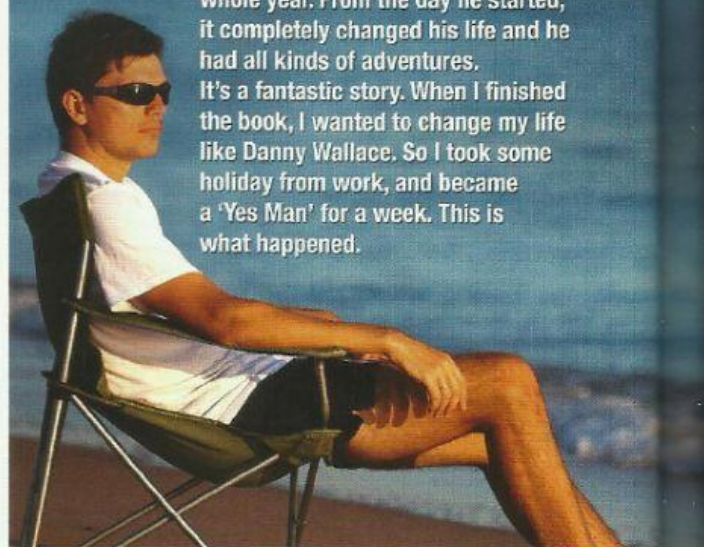
YES MAN CHANGED MY LIFE

by Richard Collins

Yes Man is the best book I've ever read. It's the true story of a year in the life of author, Danny Wallace. Before Danny Wallace became the 'Yes Man', his life was boring and he felt old. So he decided to make things more exciting. He started saying "yes" to every question people asked him. And he did it for a

whole year. From the day he started, it completely changed his life and he had all kinds of adventures.

It's a fantastic story. When I finished the book, I wanted to change my life like Danny Wallace. So I took some holiday from work, and became a 'Yes Man' for a week. This is what happened.



3 LISTENING

a Listen to 1.24 Which of the activities in 2c do you think Richard enjoyed? Tell a partner. Listen and check.

b Listen again. What is Richard's last question? Do you think he will say yes or no? Why?

c Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Do you ever say yes when you don't want to? When?
- 2 Would you like to be a 'Yes Man' for a week? Why / Why not?



Day One

I started on Saturday morning. At 10 am, I got my first question. I saw a poster in the window of a travel agent's. It said, "Tired?" (Yes – I slept badly the night before, so I was tired). Under this, it said, "Do you need a holiday?" (Yes, definitely.) So I went in. The travel agent asked me where I wanted to go. But before I could answer, she said, "Somewhere hot?" I don't like hot weather, but I said, "Yes." "A beach holiday? Maybe in Greece?" I don't like the beach. I prefer cities. But I said, "Yes." "What kind of accommodation? A hotel? Or a ...?" I hate hotels, but before she could continue, I said, "Yes." Five minutes later everything was ready. My flight was the next day.

Day Two

I arrived at my hotel on the island of Zante at lunchtime. It was very, very hot. I just wanted to check in and unpack my suitcase, but the receptionist said, "We have a minibus to the beach in ten minutes. Do you want to go?" You know the answer I gave her. It was about 40°C at the beach. Luckily, I brought suntan lotion. A man came towards me: "Sunglasses? Do you want sunglasses?" I had some in my bag, but I said, "Yes." Five minutes later, another man came: "Beautiful hat, sir?" I tried not to look at him. Three hours later, I had two pairs of sunglasses, three hats, a watch and a woman's necklace. It was difficult to carry all my new things back to the minibus. I decided: no trips tomorrow, just rest. When I got back, the receptionist asked, "Did you like the beach?" I didn't, but I said, "Yes." "Oh, there's a water skiing course tomorrow. Do you want me to book a place for you?" I can't swim very well and I don't like the sea. I wanted to cry ...



5 PRONUNCIATION -ed endings

a 1.27 Listen and tick (✓) the verbs which have an extra syllable when we add -ed.

change > changed	☐	play > played	☐
need > needed	☐	ask > asked	☐
decide > decided	☐	want > wanted	☐
start > started	☐		

b Complete the rule with two sounds.

-ed endings are pronounced with an extra syllable /ɪd/ after ____ and ____ only.

c 1.28 Which of the verbs + -ed in the box have the extra /ɪd/ syllable? Listen and check.

waited included arrived looked watched
shouted smiled stopped ended believed

6 VOCABULARY Tourism

a What useful holiday items can you see on these pages? What else do people normally take?

b Now go to Vocabulary Focus 2A on p.133

7 SPEAKING

a Think of a holiday you enjoyed. Think about your answers to these questions.

- When did you go?
- Where did you go?
- Was it your first time?
- How long did you go for?
- Who did you go with?
- What kind of accommodation did you stay in?
- Did you do any sightseeing?
- Who did you meet?
- Did you bring back any souvenirs?

b Tell your partner about your holiday. Listen to your partner and ask questions.

4 GRAMMAR

Past simple: negative and questions

a Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

was didn't did weren't

- 1 Some of my experiences ____ very good.
- 2 I ____ like the mosquitoes that bit me.
- 3 ____ you have a good week?
- 4 What ____ your favourite thing?

b Look at the sentences in 4a and answer the questions about the past simple.

- 1 Which sentences include the verb *be*?
- 2 How do we make negatives and questions ...
 - with the verb *be*?
 - with other verbs?

c Now go to Grammar Focus 2A on p.144