

1 READING

a When is New Year's Eve? Is it an important celebration in your country?

b Read three stories. Who had...?

- a great evening
- an OK evening
- a terrible evening

c Read the stories again. Complete the sentences with **A** (Andy), **J** (Jenny), or **M** (Mina).

1 ____ was outside at midnight.
 2 ____ didn't know exactly when midnight was.
 3 ____ was alone at midnight.
 4 ____ was at work at midnight.
 5 ____ heard the celebrations, but didn't see them.
 6 ____ was surprised by something people did.

d How do people celebrate New Year's Eve in your country? Do you think most people enjoy it? Why (not)?

2 GRAMMAR past simple: irregular verbs

a With a partner, find the past tense of these irregular verbs in the stories.

buy	<u>bought</u>	/bɔ:t/
can	<u>could</u>	/kud/
come	<u>came</u>	/keim/
drink	<u>drank</u>	/dræŋk/
feel	<u>felt</u>	/felt/
find	<u>found</u>	/faʊnd/
get	<u>got</u>	/got/
go	<u>went</u>	/went/
have	<u>had</u>	/hæd/
know	<u>new</u>	/nju:/
put on	<u>put on</u>	/put ɒn/
say	<u>said</u>	/sed/
take	<u>took</u>	/tok/
think	<u>thought</u>	/θɔ:t/
wear	<u>wore</u>	/wɔ:/

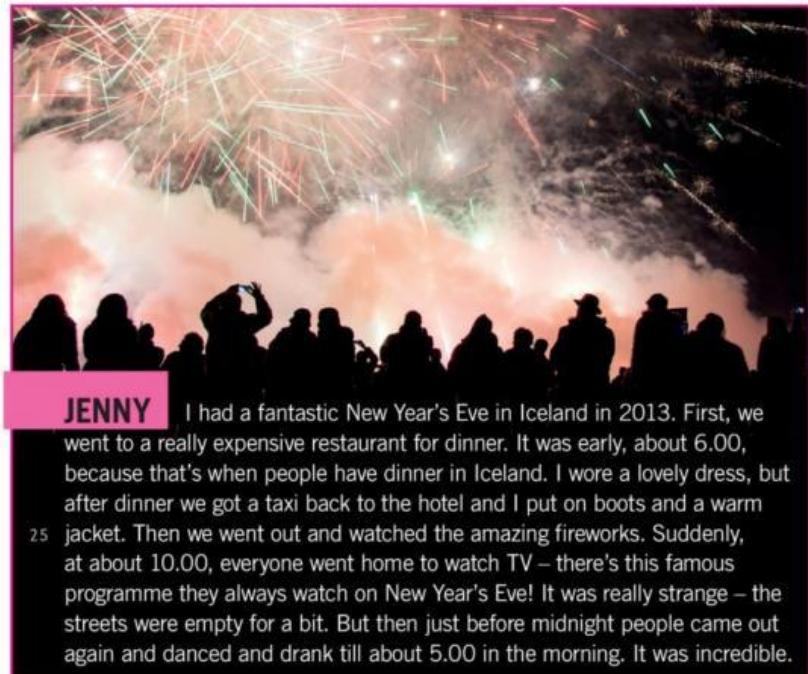
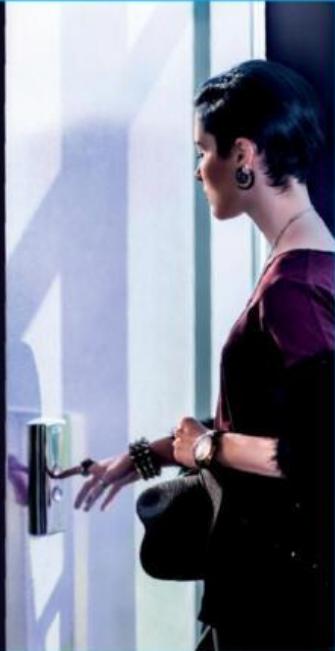
b **7.14** Listen and check. Practise saying the verbs.

c **G** p.136 Grammar Bank 7C

NEW YEAR'S EVE –
ONE TO REMEMBER OR ONE TO FORGET?

MINA This was last year, and I went to a hotel with some friends. It had a bar on the top floor, and that's where the party was. We got there at about 11.00.

05 About half an hour before midnight I realized I didn't have my phone – it was in my car. So I took the lift down to the car park. I found my phone, and then I got back into the lift – I was the 10 only person in it. But then, between the third and fourth floors, the lift stopped completely and I couldn't get out. I pressed the button and asked for help, but a guy said there was an electrical 15 fault and I needed to wait. Then a few minutes later, I could hear people outside celebrating. It was awful – I didn't get out until almost 1.00 in the morning. And on top of it all, my friends 20 didn't realize that I wasn't there!



JENNY I had a fantastic New Year's Eve in Iceland in 2013. First, we went to a really expensive restaurant for dinner. It was early, about 6.00, because that's when people have dinner in Iceland. I wore a lovely dress, but after dinner we got a taxi back to the hotel and I put on boots and a warm 25 jacket. Then we went out and watched the amazing fireworks. Suddenly, at about 10.00, everyone went home to watch TV – there's this famous programme they always watch on New Year's Eve! It was really strange – the streets were empty for a bit. But then just before midnight people came out again and danced and drank till about 5.00 in the morning. It was incredible.

Adapted from blogs

3 VOCABULARY go, have, get

a Can you remember these phrases? Write went, had, or got.

- 1 I _____ to a hotel with some friends.
- 2 It _____ a bar on the top floor.
- 3 We _____ there at about 11.00.
- 4 I _____ a fantastic New Year's Eve.
- 5 We _____ to a really expensive restaurant.
- 6 We _____ a taxi back to the hotel.

b **V** p.160 Vocabulary Bank go, have, get



ANDY I'm a DJ, and this happened to me a few years ago. It was my first time at a New Year's Eve party, and I planned all the music really carefully. I knew exactly which tracks I was going to play. The first part of the night was fine, but just when I thought it was time to start the countdown to midnight, I saw that people were all at the bar, not on the dance floor, and the TVs were on. On the screens I could see fireworks, and Big Ben! I looked at my watch and I realized it was about two minutes slow! I felt really stupid. I bought a new watch the next day!

4 LISTENING

a **7.17** Listen to Denisa from Slovakia talk about a memorable New Year's Eve. Where was Denisa at midnight?



b Can you remember what she says about these people and things?

1 Marcelo	5 Copacabana
2 white clothes	6 a show
3 Marcelo's mother	7 nearly midnight
4 dinner	8 a swim at Praia do Arpoador

c Listen again and check.

d Would you like to spend New Year's Eve in Rio? Is there anywhere else in the world you'd like to spend it?

5 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a Look at the questions. What words are missing?

A memorable New Year's Eve

- 1 What year _____ it?
- 2 Where _____ you?
- 3 Who _____ with?
- 4 Where _____ have dinner?
- 5 What _____ wear?
- 6 What _____ do before midnight?
- 7 What _____ do at midnight?
- 8 What _____ do after midnight?
- 9 How _____ the weather?
- 10 What time _____ go to bed?
- 11 _____ have a good time?

b **7.18** Listen and repeat the questions. Copy the rhythm.

6 SPEAKING & WRITING

- a Think about a time when you had a memorable New Year's Eve. Look at the questions in 5a and plan your answers. Add all the extra information you can.
- b Interview each other about your New Year's Eve.
- c Write about your New Year's Eve. Answer the questions in 5a, and use the stories in 1 to help you.

7C past simple: irregular verbs

I went to Iceland in December. I didn't go to New York. 7.15
Did you go to a party? Who did you go with?

infinitive	past <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	past <input type="checkbox"/>
buy	bought	didn't buy
come	came	didn't come
feel	felt	didn't feel
find	found	didn't find
get	got	didn't get
go	went	didn't go
have	had	didn't have
know	knew	didn't know
put on	put on	didn't put on
say	said	didn't say
take	took	didn't take
think	thought	didn't think
wear	wore	didn't wear

- Some verbs are irregular in the past and change their form, e.g. go → went, have → had.
- We only use the irregular past form in sentences. I bought a bag last night.
- We use the infinitive after did / didn't. Did you go out last night? NOT Did you went...?
- Remember word order in questions: ASI (Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive), e.g. Did you go shopping yesterday? QuASI (Question word, Auxiliary, Subject, Infinitive), e.g. Where did you go? Look at the list of irregular verbs on p.165.

can / could

The past simple of can is could. We add not to make negatives and reverse the subject and verb to make questions.

We could see the whole city from the plane.
 I couldn't see him. NOT I didn't can see him.
 Could you wear jeans when you were at school?

7C

a Correct the information using the word in brackets.

She put on a coat. (jacket)

She didn't put on a coat. She put on a jacket.

1 She wore a red dress. (blue)

2 I came home early. (late)

3 We went by train. (bus)

4 He said hello. (goodbye)

5 You had a sandwich. (salad)

6 He knew her surname. (first name)

b Complete the text with the verbs in brackets in the past simple. All the verbs are irregular.

Last New Year's Eve I went (go) to London with some friends. We ¹ had (have) dinner at a Chinese restaurant, and at 10.00 p.m. we ² took (take) a taxi to Trafalgar Square. We ³ were (be) there for an hour, and then we ⁴ went (go) to the river. We ⁵ could (can) see the fireworks very well, and we ⁶ had (have) a great time. We ⁷ got (get) home at 4.00 a.m. We ⁸ felt (feel) tired, but we ⁹ were (be) very happy!

c Complete the questions in the past simple.

A Did you go out last night?

B No, I stayed at home.

1 A What happened yesterday?

B I wore jeans.

2 A Where were her shoes?

B She bought them in Paris.

3 A What time did you get?

B We got home late.

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