Review: Talking about the past

EXERCISE 1: Complete the sentences with the appropiate past structure.

1. Rafael _____ (go) shopping with me yesterday.

2. Sandra _____ (lend) her brother `£200 so far.

3. The policeman _____ (catch) the thief when I passed by.

4. The biscuit factory _____ (close) down last year.

5. She's very red. I think she _____ (lie) in the sun.

6. Ron _____ (just/ pass) his driving test.

7. Karen _____ (study) Italian for three years now and is still studying.

8. The Headmaster _____ (come) to this school in 2004.

9. Jack _____ (try) to get a job for six months, but is still unemployed.

10. The teacher _____(already / tell) him to be quiet many times.

11. Tim _____ (not/take) many photos yet.

12. Oh no! I _____ (leave) my purse at home.

13. They _____ (fall) in love with each other at first sight 2 years ago.

14. I don't want to have a bath because I _____ (just / have) a shower.

15. I'm sorry I _____ (forget) your name. What did you say it was?

EXERCISE 2: Read the text and answer the questions.

It isn´t always NEWS

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You worked hard on your report for school. You read articles online. You even watched online videos. You thought you did well, but you got the report back from your teacher, and she said that you had to do it again. What did you do wrong? Well, when you were doing your research, you believed everything that was written on the Internet!

A lot of information on the Internet isn't true. Anyone can post information online. A lot of news *looks* real, but contains false information. Sometimes, an article is entirely false. Fake photographs have even been posted with some news stories. Because of this common problem, many websites have been developed to give people true information.

Snopes.com gives people information about urban legends, myths, and other false stories. Many people have used the website to find out whether a story is true or false. For example, there have been a lot of stories online that said that Bill Gates was giving people free laptops. However, Snopes.com reported this wasn't true.

Factcheck.org gives true information about what leaders in the United States say and do. It tells readers when stories aren't true. People who work at Factcheck.org believe that reporters should be honest all of the time and that the news should always be true.

Do you want true information about a person or event in history? WhoWhatWhen gives information about famous people and events from 1000 AD to today. You can even create a timeline of events based on a famous person's life. Do you want to know if the television was invented during Gandhi's lifetime? WhoWhatWhen can tell you!

Be careful when you write reports and use the Internet for research. Check your facts on websites like these and other sites that you know have true information!

1. Wy is there a lot of false information on the internet?
2. Which-fact-checking website would you use to find out if something the current US president said were true?
3. Which website could you use to find out if it were possible for Elvis Presley to use a computer?
4. Which website tells whether an urban legend is true or false?
5. What can we do to reduce the consumption of false information in the internet?
6. Are you aware of the information you share on your social networks?