

PAST SIMPLE

The History of the Microwave

A. Complete the passage using the Past Simple

Did you know the microwave oven was invented by mistake? Dr. Percy LeBaron Spencer, who _____ an engineer, worked with a company in the 1940s that _____ with microwaves. One day, Spencer _____ that the chocolate he _____ in his pocket had melted. He _____ that the microwaves had caused it to melt. After some tests, he _____ that microwave heating could cook food very quickly. Because of Spencer's work, the company he was working for, Raytheon, _____ the first microwave oven for home use in 1954.

be • find • have • produce • realize • discover • work

B. Write the mini-dialogues below with the words in brackets.

Write complete sentences using the Past Simple.

1. Grandmother:	Did you wash your hands?	(wash your hands)
Little Girl:	Yes, I washed my hands two hours ago.	(two hours ago)
2. Teenager:	Did you _____ your project?	(finish project)
Friend:	_____, I _____ all night.	(work all night)
3. Mother:	Did you _____ your room?	(clean your room)
Teenager:	_____, I _____.	(forget)
4. Teenager:	Where did you _____ new shoes?	(buy new shoes)
Friend:	I _____ in the mall.	(in the mall)
5. Father:	Did you _____ the truth?	(tell the truth)
Teenager:	_____, I did not _____.	(not lie)
6. Teacher:	Why did you _____?	(come late)
Student:	Because I _____ to the doctor.	(go to the doctor)