

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past simple

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

- The boys hiked (hike) for nine days.
- They took (take) Fenn's clues with them.
- They enjoyed (enjoy) listening to the poem about the buried treasure.
- The adults and children read (read) the clues carefully.
- Some people wrote (write) diaries about their journey.
- Actually, the diary extracts were (be) very interesting.

2 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then match the questions with the answers in Exercise 1.

did (x2) write hike were enjoy

- What did the adults and children read carefully?
- How long did the boys hike for?
- Were the diary extracts boring?
- What did they enjoy listening to?
- What did they take with them?
- What did some people write?

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3 Write questions and short answers in the past simple.

- you / have a good holiday, Tina? (✓)
Did you have a good holiday, Tina? Yes, I did.
- you / swim in the sea? (X)
- you all / go in the pool? (✓)
- your friends / like the food? (✓)
- Tomas / take lots of photos? (✓)
- Susie / want to come home? (X)

4 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- Henry saw photos of the pioneers yesterday.
saw
- We didn't enjoyed the bus journey.
- Did you found a good tour guide last week?
- I did went out in the stormy weather.
- They stopped for food and drink.
- Did she be late for class yesterday?

5 Complete the conversation with the correct past simple form of the verbs in the box.

become decide look after not have
return ride see stay travel write



IVAN ¹ Did you see the TV documentary about Dervla Murphy last night?

DARIA No, I didn't. Who is she?

IVAN An amazing traveller and travel writer. In 1963, she ² decided to cycle from her home town in Ireland all the way to India. And in those days, people ³ used the kinds of bikes we have now!

DARIA ⁴ Did she take her bike all the way to India?

IVAN Yes, she did, and she ⁵ stayed there for a year. She ⁶ met Tibetan refugee children, and when she ⁷ came home, she ⁸ wrote her first book. She quickly ⁹ became a famous travel writer – there are more than 20 books by her. Dervla ¹⁰ travelled all over the world when she was younger, but she still can't drive a car!