

7C GRAMMAR simple past: irregular verbs

a Complete the story with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.



My memorable night at the Edinburgh Festival

by Lotte

This happened in my first summer when I was at Edinburgh University. I lived in a room in a big house with three friends. That summer, some musicians rented two other rooms in our house. It ¹was (be) August, and the Edinburgh Music and Arts Festival was going on. The musicians ²_____ (be) from Poland, Italy, and the Netherlands. One afternoon, they ³_____ (tell) me about a Latin music club. My friends and I ⁴_____ (say) that we wanted to go with them. We ⁵_____ (meet) them at the club that evening at 9:00 p.m. It ⁶_____ (have) a really friendly atmosphere, and the music ⁷_____ (be) fantastic! Our new friends ⁸_____ (speak) English very well and we ⁹_____ (spend) the evening dancing and talking. When we ¹⁰_____ (leave) the club, we ¹¹_____ (find) that we ¹²_____ (not have) the money for a taxi home. It ¹³_____ (be) a warm night, so we walked home through the streets. The musicians ¹⁴_____ (see) the historic buildings and monuments for the first time, and they ¹⁵_____ (think) that they ¹⁶_____ (be) really beautiful. We ¹⁷_____ (get) home at 4:00 a.m., but we ¹⁸_____ (not go) to bed. We ¹⁹_____ (make) some coffee and talked. Then our friends played their guitars and we ²⁰_____ (sing) songs that we all ²¹_____ (know). It ²²_____ (be) a wonderful, memorable evening and, ten years later, we are still friends.

b Complete these questions about the story.

- 1 Which month was the Edinburgh Festival in? It was in August.
- 2 Where _____ from? They were from Poland, Italy, and the Netherlands.
- 3 What _____ Lotte about? They told her about a Latin music club.
- 4 What time _____ at the club? They met at 9:00 p.m.
- 5 _____ good? Yes, it was fantastic.
- 6 What _____ at the club? They danced and talked all evening.
- 7 Why _____ a taxi home? Because they didn't have enough money.
- 8 What _____ for the first time? They saw Edinburgh's historic buildings and monuments.
- 9 _____ when they got home? No, they made coffee and talked.
- 10 What _____ after that? They played their guitars and sang.

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c Work with a partner. Cover the answers. Take turns answering the questions. Then cover the questions and take turns making the questions from the answers.