

12A Strangers on a train

G simple past: regular and irregular verbs V regular and irregular verbs P irregular verbs

Where did he see her?

He saw her on the train.

1 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION

regular and irregular verbs

- a Take the Verbs quiz with a partner.

VERBS QUIZ

- 1 Look at the **regular verbs** and answer the questions.

arrive ask close exchange finish
look move open start stop
talk wait

- Which verb doubles the final consonant before the -ed ending?
- Which four verbs only add -d?
- In which two verbs is the -ed ending pronounced /ɪd/?

- 2 Match the simple past of the **irregular verbs** to the verbs.

wrote bought sent sat
left said told saw

buy _____	send _____
leave _____	sit _____
say _____	tell _____
see _____	write _____

- b **12.1** Listen and repeat the verbs in the quiz in the past tense.
- c **12.2** Cover the quiz. Listen and say the verb in the past tense.

- say (said)
- tell (told)

2 READING & LISTENING

- 12.3–12.4** Read and listen to the story. In pairs, ask and answer the questions after each part.

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12.3 Part 1

When the train stopped at the station, I opened my eyes and looked out of the window. I saw a woman on the platform. She was tall and blond with blue eyes. The train moved and I closed my eyes. It was 4:00 p.m. and the train was full.

"Excuse me. Can I sit here?" I opened my eyes again. It was the tall, blond woman.

"Sure," I answered. She sat down next to me. There was a nice smell. Chanel No. 5. I started to listen to music on my phone.

"I love Chopin."

"Sorry?" I said.

"You're listening to Chopin. I love classical music." She smiled. Her eyes were very blue.

We talked about music until the train arrived at Paddington Station. "Would you like a cup of coffee?" she asked me. I looked at my watch. "OK," I said. "I have time."

- Where did the man first see the woman?
- What was the woman's perfume?
- What did they talk about?
- What did the woman invite him to do when the train arrived?

12.4 Part 2

We bought two coffees at the station café. We sat down.

"My name's Olivia," she said.

"I'm David. I'm from Chicago. Nice to meet you. What do you do?" I asked.

"I work in property – flats and houses. What do you do?"

"I work for Citibank."

"That's interesting!" said Olivia.

"Do you live in London?"

"Yes, but I'm new here. I moved to London last month. I have a flat in Chelsea."

"Wow! That's an expensive part of London!"

I looked at my watch. "Time to go. I have a tennis lesson this evening."

"I can drive you home," she said. "I live near Chelsea." I told her my address.



- 5 What's Olivia's job?
- 6 What's David's job?
- 7 Where do they live?
- 8 Why did David give Olivia his address?

Glossary
property land and buildings

3 GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Read the conversations and circle the correct form.

- 1 A Where did you **go** / **went** on Saturday?
B I **go** / **went** clothes shopping.
A What did you **buy** / **bought**?
B I **buy** / **bought** a new jacket.
A **Did** / **Was** it expensive?
B No, it **didn't** / **wasn't**.
- 2 A What did you **do** / **did** you last night?
B I **was** / **went** to the movies. I **see** / **saw** a new Japanese movie.
A **Did** / **Was** you like / liked it?
B No, I **didn't** like / **didn't** liked it very much. It **was** / **were** very slow.

b 12.5 Listen and check.

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d With a partner, retell Parts 1 and 2 of the story. Use the questions to help you.

- How did David meet Olivia?
- What did they talk about?
- What happened at Paddington Station?
- How did David get home from the station?

4 VIDEO LISTENING

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a 12.9 Watch or listen to *Strangers on a train* Part 3. Answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of car did Olivia have?
- 2 What did she have two tickets for?
- 3 Where did she want to meet him? What time?



b 12.10 Watch or listen to *Strangers on a train* Part 4. Answer the questions.

- 1 What time did David arrive at the concert hall?
- 2 What happened at 7:45? What did David do?
- 3 What did David do when the concert finished?
- 4 What did he do after that?
- 5 Why do you think Olivia didn't come to the concert?
- 6 What do you think David saw when he opened the door?

c 12.11 Watch or listen to Part 5, the end of the story. Do you think it was a good ending?

American and British English	
American English	British English
apartment	flat
parking lot	car park
call (v.)	phone (v.)

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN 12A

p.132 Listen and repeat the words and phrases.

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