

GRAMMAR BOOSTER

A Choose the correct response. Write the letter on the line.

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| _____ 1. "How was your vacation?" | a. No, it wasn't. It rained all week. |
| _____ 2. "Where did you go?" | b. Terrific. It was so much fun. |
| _____ 3. "How long were you there?" | c. Jamaica. |
| _____ 4. "Was the weather good?" | d. Yes, there were. We were busy all the time. |
| _____ 5. "How were the rooms?" | e. Yes, it was good. But a little spicy. |
| _____ 6. "Were there a lot of things to do?" | f. Just a week. |
| _____ 7. "Was the food OK?" | g. Clean and comfortable. |

B Correct the errors in the e-mail message.

Dear Mari,

My vacation ^{was} were lots of fun! My family and I went to Hawaii. The only problem were the hotel. It was very nice. The beds were terrible. Everything else were perfect. There was many activities. My favorite activity wasn't parasailing. It were terrific.

Laura

C Write questions with the past tense of **be**. Then answer the questions with complete sentences. Use your own words.

1. when / your last vacation _____?
YOU _____
2. it / long _____?
YOU _____
3. the hotel / nice _____?
YOU _____
4. how / the weather _____?
YOU _____
5. how many / people / with you _____?
YOU _____

D Complete the paragraph. Use the simple past tense of words from the box. Some words can be used more than once.

drink	stop	travel	take	shop	watch	be	walk
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In January, I _____^{1.} to Morocco with my friend Nan. We explored the narrow streets of the medieval medina in Marrakech. The medina is closed to traffic. So, there _____^{2.} no cars, but there _____^{3.} a lot of donkeys. We _____^{4.} for hours and _____^{5.} often to look at the beautiful carpets for sale. We _____^{6.} for inexpensive leather goods, _____^{7.} mint tea, and _____^{8.} street performers. We wandered all afternoon. We got lost, and then we _____^{9.} a taxi back to our hotel.

E Rewrite the sentences. Use the simple past tense and a past time expression.

1. We go to the beach every year. We went to the beach last year.
2. The weather isn't very nice today. _____
3. We don't stay in a hotel. _____
4. I often cook clams at the beach. _____
5. Everyone has a good time. _____
6. What do you do in the summer? _____

F Read the statements. Write questions to ask for more information, using the words in parentheses.

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| 1. A: She bought a new printer. | B: <u>Why did she buy a new printer</u> ? (why) |
| 2. A: She went on vacation. | B: _____ ? (where) |
| 3. A: They went to the gym. | B: _____ ? (when) |
| 4. A: I visited some friends. | B: _____ ? (who) |
| 5. A: He spent a lot of money. | B: _____ ? (how much) |

WRITING BOOSTER

A Read the sentences about Amy's weekend trip to Chicago with her girlfriends.

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| 1. They all flew to Chicago and met at the airport. | 6. They had a delicious steak dinner at a nice restaurant. |
| 2. They checked into their hotel downtown and got dressed to go out. | 7. They listened to jazz music at an uptown club. |
| 3. They saw the musical <i>Jersey Boys</i> . | 8. They went out dancing. |
| 4. On Saturday, they went to the spa and got massages. | 9. They said good-bye and returned home on Sunday. |
| 5. They went shopping on Michigan Avenue. | |

B On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph about Amy's trip. Use time clauses and time-order transition words.

Let me tell you about Amy's trip to Chicago with her girlfriends. First, ...

The Top 10 Most Visited Tourist Attractions in the World

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| 1. Times Square—New York City (U.S.) | 7. Fisherman's Wharf—
San Francisco, California (U.S.) |
| 2. National Mall & Memorial Parks—Washington, D.C. (U.S.) | 8. Tokyo Disneyland—Tokyo (Japan) |
| 3. Disney World's Magic Kingdom—Orlando, Florida (U.S.) | 9. Notre Dame Cathedral—Paris (France) |
| 4. Trafalgar Square—London (U.K.) | 10. Disneyland—Paris (France) |
| 5. Disneyland Park—Anaheim, California (U.S.) | |
| 6. Niagara Falls—Canada and U.S. | |