

MALVINAS: A BIT OF HISTORY

GRAMMAR BOX SIMPLE PAST

Regular verbs add -ed:

VISIT → VISITED

NAME → NAMED

TRY → TRIED

PLAY → PLAYED

Irregular verbs do not follow the rule for regular verbs.

Some change only a letter:

COME → CAME

MAKE → MADE

Some do not change:

SET → SET

CUT → CUT

Some do not have many or any letters in common:

GO → WENT

THINK → THOUGHT

D) Read the following text, and put the verbs in brackets into the past form.

Events leading to the war

In March 1982, a group of Argentine scrap metal merchants _____ (go) to the South Georgia island to dismantle a whaling factory. With them, there _____ (be) some soldiers. A few days later, the military dictatorship _____ (decide) to invade the islands.

Argentina _____ (be) in deep economic trouble: the inflation _____ (be) over 600%, and the wages _____ (go) down. There _____ (be) mass disappearance of people in the hands of the military juntas, which was causing significant unrest. The invasion was planned for the 25th of May or 9th July. The main purpose _____ (be) to divert public attention from the

distressing internal problems and restore the long lost popularity and prestige of the dictatorship.

In late March, there _____ (be) a massive union demonstration, and the date of the invasion was moved to 2nd April in an act of desperation. On 2nd April, 1982, Argentina _____ (land) on the Falklands.

