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HOLIDAYS

GRAMMAR The past simple

A Complete the table with the correct verb tenses.

Infinitive	Past simple
be	¹ was / were
have	²
do	³
⁴	went
come	⁵
⁶	saw
⁷	showed
⁸	played
read	⁹
need	¹⁰

B Tick (✓) the irregular verbs in the table in exercise A.

C Complete the sentences using the past simple forms of the verbs in exercise A.

- I **had** a good weekend.
- They The Killers on Saturday night.
- He *War and Peace*.
- My parents to my house for lunch.
- She her homework.
- We football in the park.

D Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

We ¹ *spent* (spend) the weekend in York with some friends in their new house. It ² (be) really fun. Their house is in a great area, and there ³ (be) lots of things to do. On Friday night, we ⁴ (stay) in and ⁵ (watch) a film on TV. On Saturday, we ⁶ (go) to a market near their house, and I ⁷ (buy) a new jacket. On Saturday night, they ⁸ (take) us to their favourite Chinese restaurant. On Sunday, our friends ⁹ (cook) lunch for us. It was a perfect weekend!

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS *That sounds ...*

A Read the conversations and match each one to a photo.

- Lee: So, how was New York?
Aisyha: Great! We stayed in the Waverley Hotel.
Lee: That sounds **nice / bad**.
Aisyha: Yes, it was very comfortable.



- Ben: Do you want to come to the park with me tomorrow? There's a free concert with Kasabian.
Hassan: That sounds **interesting / bad**. I really like them. What time is it?
Ben: I think it starts at two o'clock.



- Phil: How was your weekend?
Gudrun: Andreas was ill. He stayed in bed all weekend.
Phil: That sounds (c) **great / bad**. Is he OK now?
Gudrun: He's fine. It was only a cold.



- Conversation 1 photo []
Conversation 2 photo []
Conversation 3 photo []

B Read the conversations again and circle the correct adjective in bold.

C 4.1 Listen and check.

PRONUNCIATION Past simple forms

A 4.2 Listen to the pronunciation of the past tense -ed ending of regular verbs.

/t/ walked /d/ played /ɪd/ visited

B 4.3 Listen to the past tense verbs and put them in the correct column in the table.

cooked	wanted	chatted	showed	liked
rained	needed	tried	relaxed	

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/
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READING

A Where would you see this text?

- 1 On a website.
- 2 In a newspaper.
- 3 In a magazine.



Travel Advisor Hotel Reviews

ACCOMMODATION

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1 Not for everyone

I just got back from the Aloha Hula hotel with my wife and grandchildren. It's a nice place and the weather was good, but it wasn't a very good hotel for families. The food was nice and the rooms were clean, but some **guests** were too **noisy**. We told the staff, but they weren't very interested or friendly. Bad staff and bad **service**. Don't go there! *Hiro Tanaka, Nagoya, Japan.*

STAR RATING ★

3 Surfing USA!

I spent four weeks in Maui and loved it. The beaches were clean, the sea was warm, the surfing was so good and ... it was very sunny! Our hotel (the Aloha Hula) wasn't fantastic, but it was okay. The staff were friendly, but the rooms were dirty and the food wasn't great. I had lunch in the restaurant and was ill. I spent the day in bed. *Manny W, Hamburg, Germany.*

STAR RATING ★ ★

2 Two weeks wasn't enough

We spent two weeks at the Aloha Hula hotel. We had a great time and the hotel was fantastic. It was cheap and clean with really nice **staff**. Two weeks wasn't enough – we wanted to stay longer. The Hawaiian people were really friendly and the food was delicious. It rained for one week, but we still enjoyed a relaxing holiday. *Elisa T, Bari, Italy.*

STAR RATING ★ ★ ★ ★

Glossary

guest: someone staying in a hotel

noisy: making a lot of noise, loud, not quiet

staff: the people who work in a place (for example, in a hotel)

service: the help guests in a hotel get from the staff

delicious: that tastes really good

B Read the reviews again and put a ✓ or a ✗ under each holiday.

	Review 1	Review 2	Review 3
The weather was good	✓.....	✗.....	✓.....
Maui was nice			
The food was good			
The rooms were clean			
The staff were friendly			

C Cross out the incorrect information.

- 1 Hiro went to Hawaii *alone* / *with his family*.
- 2 Hiro thought his hotel was *good* / *bad* for families.
- 3 Elisa had a *good* / *bad* holiday.
- 4 Elisa was *happy* / *unhappy* when her holiday ended.
- 5 Manny *liked* / *didn't like* the sea and the beaches in Maui.
- 6 Manny spent a *day* / *week* in bed.