

# LANGUAGE IN ACTION

## Past simple

### 1 ★ Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The boys hiked (hike) for nine days.
- 2 They \_\_\_\_\_ (take) Fenn's clues with them.
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) listening to the poem about the buried treasure.
- 4 The adults and children \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the clues carefully.
- 5 Some people \_\_\_\_\_ (write) diaries about their journey.
- 6 Actually, the diary extracts \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very interesting.

### 2 ★★ Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then match the questions with the answers in Exercise 1.

did (x2) write hike were enjoy

- a What did the adults and children read carefully?
- b How long did the boys \_\_\_\_\_ for?
- c \_\_\_\_\_ the diary extracts boring?
- d What did they \_\_\_\_\_ listening to?
- e What \_\_\_\_\_ they take with them?
- f What did some people \_\_\_\_\_?

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### 3 ★★ Write questions and short answers in the past simple.

- 1 you / have a good holiday, Tina? (✓)  
Did you have a good holiday, Tina? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I did.
- 2 you / swim in the sea? (X)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 you all / go in the pool? (✓)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 your friends / like the food? (✓)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Tomas / take lots of photos? (✓)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Susie / want to come home? (X)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 4 ★★ Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Henry seed photos of the pioneers yesterday.  
\_\_\_\_\_ saw \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We didn't enjoyed the bus journey. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Did you found a good tour guide last week?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I did went out in the stormy weather. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They stopped for food and drink. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Did she be late for class yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 ★★ Complete the conversation with the correct past simple form of the verbs in the box.

become decide look after not have  
return ride see stay travel write



IVAN <sup>1</sup> Did you see the TV documentary about Dervla Murphy last night?

DARIA No, I didn't. Who is she?

IVAN An amazing traveller and travel writer. In 1963, she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to cycle from her home town in Ireland all the way to India. And in those days, people <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the kinds of bikes we have now!

DARIA <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ her bike all the way to India?

IVAN Yes, she did, and she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ there for a year. She <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tibetan refugee children, and when she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home, she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her first book. She quickly <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a famous travel writer – there are more than 20 books by her. Dervla <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world when she was younger, but she still can't drive a car!