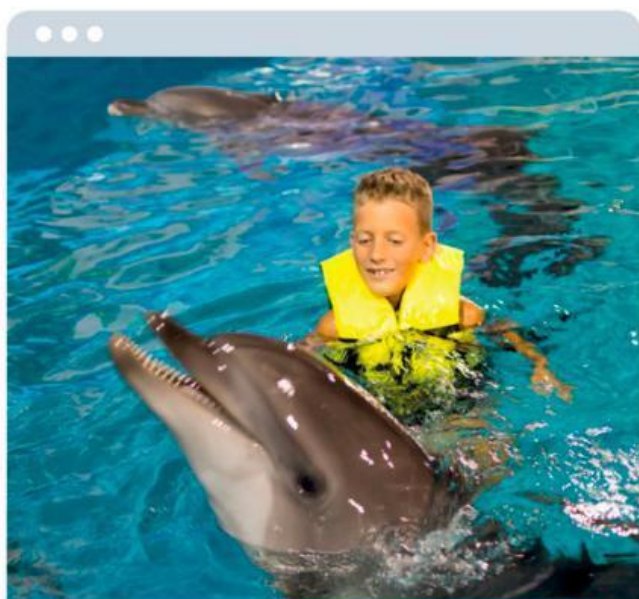


1 Read the blog and answer the questions.

- 1 Where was Jamie? _____
- 2 Who was he with? _____
- 3 How did he feel in the morning? _____



My dolphin adventure by Jamie Harper

Two years ago I ¹ went (go) on holiday to Florida with my family.

One day, we ² _____ (visit) a dolphin centre. I ³ _____ (be) very excited in the morning because it was my dream to see dolphins.

When we ⁴ _____ (arrive), one of the trainers ⁵ _____ (speak) to our group. They ⁶ _____ (tell) us all about dolphins. We went to meet the dolphins, but at first they ⁷ _____ (not be) there, so I felt sad.

After a short while, the dolphins ⁸ _____ (swim) into the lagoon and I ⁹ _____ (take) photos of them. When we ¹⁰ _____ (meet) the dolphins close, some people were a bit scared, but I wasn't. They ¹¹ _____ (not look) aggressive but beautiful! One swam next to me. We ¹² _____ (have) an amazing time.

It was the best experience ever!

2 Complete the blog with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

3 Match 1–4 with a–d.

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| 1 ☒ b | Two years | a photos. |
| 2 ☐ | I was | b ago... |
| 3 ☐ | I took | c amazing time. |
| 4 ☐ | We had an | d very excited. |

4 Match the items in Exercise 3 to functions a–c. One function has two items.

- a Describe what happened and how you felt. 2 / _____
- b Say when the situation/event happened. _____
- c Say what you think about the situation/event. _____

5 Choose the correct option.

- 1 We saw monkeys and / or tigers at the safari park.
- 2 I went to Orlando so / because I wanted to see the dolphins.
- 3 I like cats, or / but I don't like dogs.
- 4 The park didn't have dolphins so / or sharks.
- 5 We didn't see any wild animals, so / because I felt sad.

WRITING TIME

6 Write a blog entry about a special trip you made. Try to include an animal in your blog.

1 Find ideas

Make notes about:

- where you were.
- who you were with.
- what happened.

2 Plan and write

- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the text in Exercise 1 to help you.
- Write a draft blog entry.

3 Check

- Check language: are the linking words (*and, or, so, but, because*) correct?
- Check grammar: did you use a variety of verbs in the Past Simple?
- Write the final version of your blog entry.