# 7 Remember when ...

- Past Simple (2): regular and irregular verbs
- Time expressions: *in, at, on, ago*
- Adverbs: regular and irregular
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## Grammar

### Past Simple (2) Regular and irregular verbs

**1** Look at the photos. What is the '**Clipper Race**'?

**2** Read the text. Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple.

**3** Look at the questions and answers about Robin Knox-Johnston's Clipper Race. Complete the questions with the verbs from the box.

| arrive | ~~sail~~ | start | do | feel | leave | take | think |
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1 A When ***did*** Knox-Johnston first ***sail*** solo round the world?
B In 1969.

2 A How long _____ the journey _____ him?
B Over ten months.

3 A When _____ the Clipper Race _____?
B In 1996.

4 A Which town _____ the eight yachts _____ from?
B Plymouth.

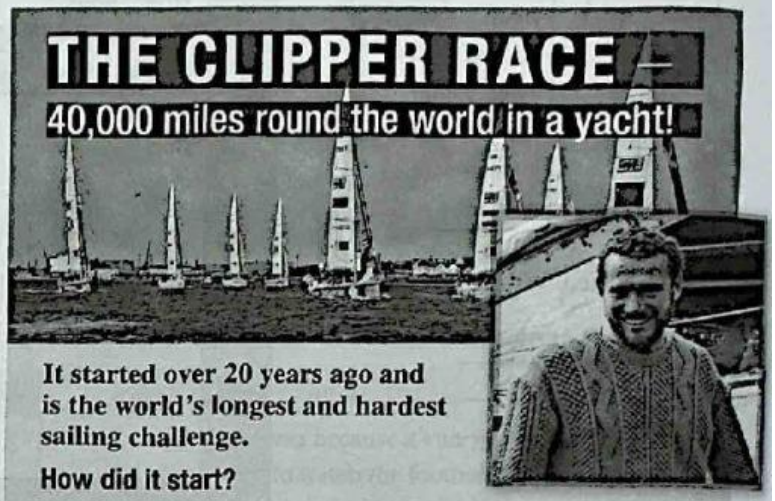
5 A When _____ the winning yacht _____ back in Plymouth?
B Nearly a year later.

6 A How _____ the crew members _____ at the end of the race?
B Very tired.

7 A When _____ the lorry driver, Bob Baker _____ the Clipper Race?
B A few years ago.

8 A What _____ Bob _____ before he did the race?
B That yachting was a rich man's sport.

**7.1** Listen and check.




**It started over 20 years ago and is the world's longest and hardest sailing challenge.**

#### How did it start?

In 1969, the Englishman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston [1] ***became*** (*become*) the first person to sail solo, non-stop round the world. It [2]_____ (*take*) him over 10 months. In the years after this amazing achievement, Sir Robin [3]_____ (*want*) more people to learn to sail, so he [4]_____ (*start*) the famous *Clipper Round the World Yacht Race*.

#### The first race

The first race [5]_____ (*be*) in 1996, with eight 60-foot yachts. On 16 October they all [6]_____ (*leave*) Plymouth, England and [7]_____ (*begin*) their long journey across the oceans. The route included the Galapagos, Hawaii and the Azores. The winning yacht, called *Arial*, finally [8]_____ (*arrive*) back in Plymouth nearly one year later, on 14 September 1997. The crew members [9]_____ (*feel*) completely exhausted. 'We rarely [10]_____ (*sleep*) properly,' said crew member, Elizabeth Bluck. 'It was very cold, very wet, and very exciting.'

#### The race today

The interest in extreme sports and adventure challenges continues to grow. It's expensive to take part in the Clipper Race, but it's very popular. This is because all kinds of people want a new and special challenge in their lives. Last year nearly 20,000 people [11]_____ (*apply*) to do it. Bob Baker, a lorry driver who [12]_____ (*do*) it a few years ago, said, 'I always [13]_____ (*think*) that yachting was a rich man's sport, but it's not at all'.



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