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a. Complete the sentences with a regular verb in the past simple, first in the positive and then in the negative.

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1. Yesterday I missed my bus, but I didn't miss my train.

2. We _____ to the news, but we _____ to the weather.

3. My parents _____ French at school, but they _____ Spanish or Italian.

4. My sister _____ the film with me, but she _____ the football match.

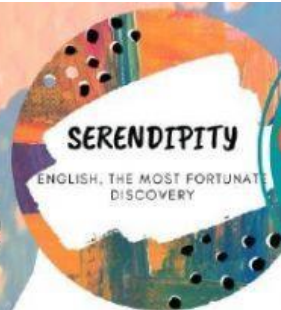
5. The secretary _____ a table for lunch, but she _____ a taxi.

6. I _____ some music onto my laptop, but I _____ any films.

7. The shop assistant _____ last Saturday, but she _____ on Sunday.

8. My boyfriend _____ rugby at school, but he _____ basketball.

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b Order the words to make questions.

1. you/ did /night/ TV/ What/ on/ last/ watch?

A

B I watched the news.

2. did / match / the / time / finish / What ?

A

B At six o'clock.

3. your/ presents/ birthday/ like/ you/ Did?

A

B Yes, I did. They were great!

4. did/ university/ your/ at/ brother/ What / study?

A.....

B Modern Languages.

5. parents / your / arrive / late / Did?

A

B No, they didn't. They were early.

6. Germany /your/ in/ friends / did /Where/ live ?

A

B Hamburg.

7. of/ you / Did / at/ the / cry / film / end / the?

A

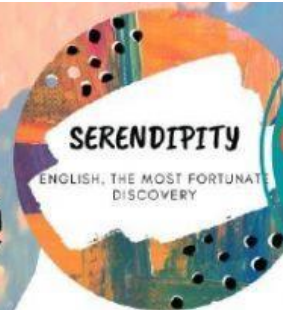
B Yes, I did. It was very sad.

8. time/ work/ did/ What/ arrive/ Sandra/ yesterday/ at?

A

B At ten o'clock.

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c. Complete the questions and answers.

1990 1994 1997 2001 2004 2007 2009

When did it happen?

1. when the Channel Tunnel open
.....?

It opened in

2 when Michael Jackson die
.....?

He died in

3 when Facebook start
.....?

It started in

4 when PrincessDiana die
.....?

She died in

5 when the first tourist travel into space
.....?

The first tourist travelled into space in

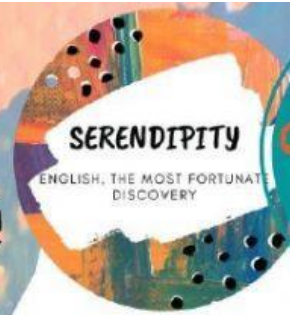
6 when iPhones first appear
.....?

They appeared in

7 when Tim Berners-Lee create the World Wide Web
.....?

He created it in

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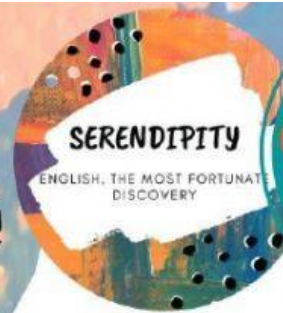


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d. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I chatted to my friends for an hour **last night** / **yesterday** night.
- 2 My girlfriend finished university **ago two years** / **two years ago**.
- 3 They travelled abroad **last month** / **the last month**.
- 4 Did you call me **last morning** / **yesterday morning**?
- 5 It stopped raining **two hours ago** / **two ago hours**.
- 6 My brother worked in Greece **last July** / **the last July**.
- 7 We watched that film **before two weeks** / **two weeks ago**.
- 8 David booked the tickets **yesterday afternoon** / **last afternoon**.
- 9 Steve was born **in 1990** / **on 1990**.
- 10 I played golf **the day yesterday before** / **the day before yesterday**.

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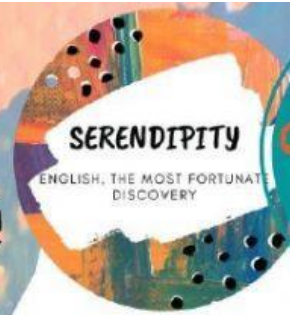
Read the article and choose the best title.

- 1 The wrong match
- 2 The wrong destination
- 3 The wrong player



Serbian tennis player Bojana Jovanovski was only 19 when she played in the San Diego Open. However, she very nearly missed the tournament. Her first match was in Carlsbad, California, so her agent booked a seat for her and gave her the ticket to Carlsbad. It was a long journey because Bojana needed to take three different planes. When she finally arrived in Carlsbad, she was surprised to find that the airport was empty. She waited for 15 minutes and then called Tournament Transport. The problem was that Bojana was in Carlsbad, New Mexico and the transport service was in Carlsbad, California where the tournament was. So, Bojana stayed in New Mexico for the night and then travelled to Carlsbad, California the next morning. She arrived only 30 minutes before the start of her match with the Italian player Roberta Vinci. Unfortunately, the day finished badly for Bojana because she lost the match 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. After that, she just wanted to go home!

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f Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How old was Bojana when the incident happened?

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2 Where was the tennis tournament?

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3 How did she travel to Carlsbad?

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4 Where did Bojana travel to first?

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5 When did she arrive at the tournament?

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6 Who did she play in her first match?

.....

7 Did she win?

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