

READING COMPREHENSION SIMPLE PAST

MARTIN'S VACATION



Martin had a terrible day yesterday. It was the day of his vacation to Spain but it was a nightmare. He left the house at 10 o'clock in the morning and caught a taxi to the airport. Martin went to the check-in with his luggage. When the man who worked for the airline asked for his passport, Martin became very upset. Where was his passport? Martin realized he didn't have his passport with him. What a disaster!

He jumped back into the taxi and told the driver to take him home. The driver drove quickly and Martin arrived back at his house in twenty minutes. He ran into the house and went into his bedroom. He found his passport on the bedside table and left the house again. But the taxi wasn't there! Where was the taxi!

Martin jumped up and down angrily. "I don't believe it. The taxi left!" he shouted. He ran down the street and looked for another taxi.

After a few minutes, Martin found another taxi and told the driver to take him to the airport as quickly as possible. The traffic on the roads was very bad and, unfortunately, Martin's taxi arrived at the airport late. His plane left for Spain at 11.30 and Martin missed it. He was very sad and went to speak to the airline. They promised to get him a seat on an evening flight and Martin went home on another taxi to wait.

1. Read the text and answer the questions.

1. Where was Martin going on vacation?

2. What time did he leave the house?

3. How did he get to the airport?

4. When did he realize that he didn't have his passport?

5. How long did it take to go back to his house in the taxi?

6. Where was the passport?

7. What did Martin discover when he went back outside?

8. How did Martin get to the airport the second time?

9. Why did he arrive late at the airport?

10. Why did Martin go home?

2. Write the verbs in the **Present Simple**:

- 1) Jessica usually(go) to school.
- 2) They(not visit) us often.
- 3) You.....(play) basketball once a week.
- 4) Tom.....(work) every day.
- 5) He always(tell) us funny stories.
- 6) She never.....(help) me with that!
- 7) Martha(not swim) twice a week.
- 8) In this club people usually.....(dance) a lot.

3. Write the verbs in **Present Continuous**:

- 1) Jessica(go) to school now.
- 2) They(not visit) us today.
- 3) You.....(play) basketball this week.
- 4) Tom.....(not work) today.
- 5) He(tell) us lies.
- 6) She(help) me with my homework now!
- 7) Martha(not swim) this week.
- 8) Look! In this club people(dance) !.

4. Write the verbs in **Past Simple**:

- 1) Jessica usually(go) to school yesterday.
- 2) They(not visit) us last week.
- 3) You.....(play) basketball last month.
- 4) Tom.....(work) yesterday.
- 5) He(tell) us funny stories last weekend.
- 6) She(help) me with my homework yesterday.
- 7) Martha(not swim) last week.
- 8) In this club people(dance) a lot.

5. Write the verbs in the **Present Perfect Simple**:

- 1) Jessica(not go) to school yet.
- 2) They(not visit) us this year.
- 3)(you / play) basketball this week?
- 4) Tom.....(work) in this office since yesterday.
- 5) He always(tell) us a lot of funny stories .
- 6) She(never/ help) me with that! Not once!
- 7) Martha(not swim) at all this week.
- 8) In this club people(always / dance) like crazy.