GRAMMAR: Past simple: regular verbs and past time expressions

1 Complete the time expressions with *last*, *ago*, *yesterday* or *in*.

1 _____ week
2 two days _____
3 _____ 1975
4 _____ afternoon
5 a year _____
6 _____ evening
7 _____ summer
8 three hours _____
9 _____ night
10 _____ the 21st century

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of regular verbs.

1 Where were you yesterday? I w_____ to see you.
2 It was a fantastic party! We d_____ all night.
3 We were friends when we were younger. We p_____ together every day.
4 'Did you have a good trip?' 'Yes, I really e_____ it, thanks.'
5 We p_____ a big party for Jen's birthday.
6 She s_____ really hard at school – that's why she has a good job now.
7 Sam t_____ to fix my bike, but it was no good – it was broken.
8 Diana o_____ the door and went inside, but no one was there.

3 Complete the conversations. Use the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

want	use	not study	phone	enjoy
fail	not save	watch	stop	not like

1 'What did you do yesterday evening?' 'Nothing much. We just _____ TV.'
2 'How was your Spanish course?' 'Terrible! I _____ so I _____ the exam!'
3 'What did you think of the new boss?' 'I really _____ her.'
4 'We _____ shopping online last month, but we _____ any money!'
5 'Were you busy last night? I _____ you but there was no answer.' 'I went swimming with my friend.'
6 'How was the film yesterday?' 'I really _____ it but Meg hated it!'
7 'Why did Emma leave?' 'I think she _____ to get home early.'
8 'This soup is horrible!' 'Yes, I think I _____ too much salt.'

4 Read the text and complete gaps 1–8 with one word.



I [1]t _____ to Mexico to see my sister, Emma, [2]l _____ summer. She met a Mexican man a few years [3]_____ and moved to Mexico to marry him [4]_____ 2015. I had a great time there! I [5]s_____ in my sister's apartment in Mexico City and we [6]v_____ a lot of beautiful and interesting places together. She lives near a lot of good restaurants and cafés. We went out every night and I [7]d_____ want to come home. [8]Y_____ evening Emma phoned me. She wants me to go and visit her again next year!

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