

Grammar

Past simple

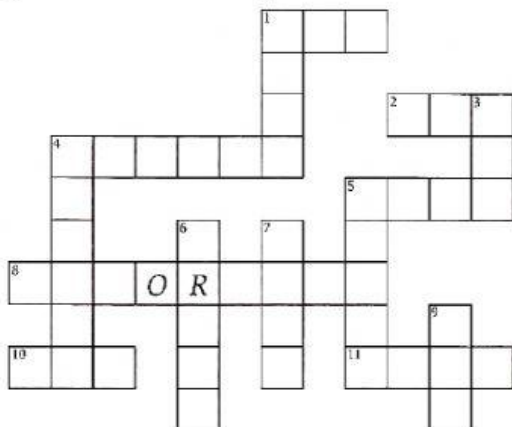
- 1 Complete the crossword with the past simple forms of these verbs. Refer to the reading passages if you need help.

Across (→):

1 win 2 have 4 buy 5 sell 8 be 10 meet 11 take

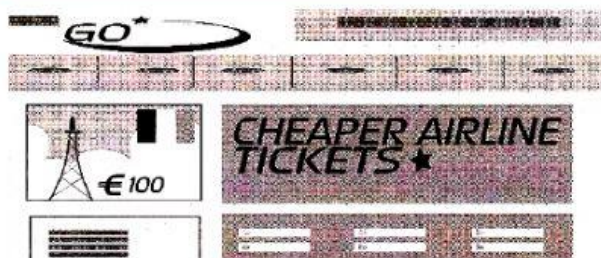
Down (↓):

1 go 3 do 4 become 5 spend 6 write 7 leave 9 get



- 2 Complete this passage with the past simple of the verbs in the box.

be decide discover do enjoy go
have leave meet spend start win



After I 1 left school, I 2 spent nine months travelling around South-East Asia. I 3 went to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. I 4 met lots of different people, 5 had some great experiences, and 6 visited some fascinating places. I 7 loved it all so much that I 8 decided to work in the travel business. So, I 9 took a course in Travel and Tourism at my local college. I then 10 started my own internet travel agency, selling cheap airline tickets. It 11 was very successful, and today thousands of people use it to buy their tickets and holidays. Last year it 12 won an award for services to the travel industry.

Vocabulary

Working out the meanings of words

- 2 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

accept account afford apology certainty
prefer run write receive identity

- My essay on famous explorers was so bad that I had to rewrite it.
- When you arrive at the hotel, the receptionist will give you your key and tell you which room you're in.
- Sylvia Earle thinks that the amount of fish we are catching at sea is decreasing.
- There were over 300 competitors in the race.
- In my opinion, travelling with friends is cheaper to travelling on your own.
- Can you identify the famous explorer in this picture? I think I recognise him, but I'm not sure.
- Unfortunately, there's a lot of uncertainty about her future with the company, and she may lose her job.
- This restaurant is not expensive. The food is good and affordable.
- She was very apologetic about missing the meeting and said sorry to everyone.
- We need a good accountant to take care of our business finances.

things were going badly. At first, he found the trip difficult because he missed his family and friends. However, on each of the islands he visited, he stayed with a local 7 , and the people he met made him realise that life could be good, even under difficult circumstances. He 8 returned home a happier person.

Writing

Task 2

- 1 Look at this Writing task, then answer the questions which follow it.

In the past, people usually stayed in one place throughout their life. These days, people often move around. They often live in several different places in their lifetime. What are the advantages and disadvantages of both?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant information from your own knowledge and experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Key vocabulary

- 4 Complete the passage with words and phrases from the box.

account combines
commentary community
eventually prove
regard voyage

Many people 1 *regard* Paul Theroux as one of the world's best travel writers. *The Happy Isles of Oceania*, one of his classic travel books, is an 2 of a long 3 around the islands of the South Pacific. The book 4 stories about the people he meets with a 5 on how he feels from day to day. This is important, because he made the trip at a time in his life when he had a lot of personal problems. He wanted to 6 to himself that he could get on with life, even when



- 2 Look at this sample answer, and complete the gaps with words from the box. You will need to use some words more than once, and in some cases more than one answer is possible.

also and believe but however
opinion think view

In the past, it was common for people to be born, grow up, live and die in the same place. This is still the case in some cultures, 1 but not in all.

I 2 believe / think that living in one place had its advantages. People were always close to their family and their friends. In small communities, people knew everyone well 3 and they helped each other more. There was a real community spirit.

4 however, there were disadvantages as well. For example, people probably got bored easily

5 and there would not have been many job opportunities. 6 but, when you had an argument with someone, you still had to see them every day. It would be difficult to get away from them.

Now, people are more mobile. In my country, people move from place to place much more. I 7 think that this is a good thing, because they can learn more about the world and enjoy experiences that they would not have if they stayed in one place. They can 8 and meet more people 9 and they have better job opportunities. In my 10 view, the main disadvantages are that people can lose touch with their family 11 and it can be difficult to make new friends.

In my 12 opinion, there are clear advantages and disadvantages to the way people lived in the past 13 and the way they live now. I would not like to live in the same place all my life. 14 but, I know some people who have done this 15 and they are perfectly happy.

Spelling

Changes when adding -ed

- 1 How do you spell the past simple forms of these regular verbs? Complete the table with the verbs from the box.

admit	appear	carry	combine	end
memorise	miss	move	plan	play
prefer	prove	save	stop	study

- 2 The words in brackets in these sentences each follow one of the rules in the table above. Write the words in their past simple forms.

- I tried (try) Japanese food for the first time last night.
- When she was eight, she decided (decide) she wanted to become a doctor.
- When I was growing up, I (live) lived with my grandparents.
- We visited (visit) all the sights during our trip to New York.
- They met in 2003 and married (marry) two years later.
- As soon as she arrived (arrive), everyone left.
- Our friends only had a small house, so we stayed (stay) in a hotel.
- His strange behaviour really worried (worry) everyone.