

PAST SIMPLE

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. USE THE PAST SIMPLE.

MARCO POLO

Marco Polo was born in Italy in 1254. Marco(be) a very intelligent child and he(speak) four languages at an early age. At 17, he(join) his father and uncle on a journey to Asia through the Holy Land and Persia in the Empire of China.

The Chinese emperor, Kublai Khan,(like) Marco and(ask) him to work for him. Marco(learn) to speak Chinese and(become) a diplomat. He(travel) to many exciting countries and(buy) jewellery, spices and exotic clothes on the way. When(the Polos/return) to Italy? Only in 1295, when Marco(be) 39 years old.

A number of years later, a friend of Marco's(write) a book about Marco's amazing adventures in Asia. Many people(read) the book and(want) to visit these far-away places, too.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERBS IN THE BOX. USE THE PAST SIMPLE IN THE CORRECT FORM.

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| watch | live | meet | have | study (2) | go | not arrive | not see | decide | hear |
| become | be | learn | stay (2) | | | | | | |

1.(you) in the same home five years ago?
2.(your parents) TV last night?
3. The exploreraround the world twice.
4. The planeon time last night.
5. Ia wonderful holiday in the mountains last year.
6. The tour group any lions in the jungle.
7. Weto ride bikes around the island yesterday.
8. Yessicasome interesting people on her journey.
9. The studentsthe lesson because they had an exam.
10. What(she) at the university? Shea degree in medicine so shea doctor.
11. Ia noise. Ita bird in my window.
12.(they) in a hotel?. No, they didn't. Theyin a camping site.

