DAY 1

Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with the SIMPLE PAST of the verbs in brackets:

Last Saturday my father **…. *took*….** (take) my friends and me to the circus. We ……(see) lots of things. My father …… (buy) us some popcorn and orange juice. We …….. (eat) the popcorn and …… (drink) the orange juice. We …….. (laugh) at the funny clowns. There …….. (be) a lion-tamer. The lions …… (do) tricks; they …… (jump) through hoops. A girl …….. (ride) an elephant around the ring. We all …… (have) a wonderful time.

Exercise 2. Fill in the blanks with the PAST form of the verbs:

Benjamin Franklin …… ***was born*** ….. (be born) in Boston in 1706. He …… (be) the fifteenth of the seventeen children of a poor candlemaker. He ……(go) to school only one year. He …… (begin) to work when he was twelve. At the age of fourteen he …… (decide) to be a writer. He ……. (copy) the great stories of famous writers and later he …… (become) the best known writer in his time.

When he …….. (be) seventeen, he …… (leave) Boston and …… (arrive) in Philadelphia with only a few pennies in his pocket. He …… (get) a job as a publisher of a newspaper and ……. (retire) from business as a very rich man at forty-two. Then he …….. (spend) the next forty years for his government. He …….. (play) an important role in the founding of the USA.

Franklin …… (be) also an important scientist and inventor. He ……. (draw) electricity from a cloud on a kite string. He …… (write) one of the first text books on electricity. He …… (invent) a simple lightning rod and many other practical tools. He …… (make) a study of water and ……. (discover) many principles of hydrodynamics. He even …… (invent) bifocal glasses when he was seventy-eight and …… (need) them himself.

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Franklin …… (do) all these things and many more because he ……..…… (believe) he …… (can).

Exercise 3. Chilli's friend Della was on holiday in Jamaica. Read her letter to Chilli and complete it with the correct verbs.

* invited * stopped * talked * stayed * travelled * enjoyed

* didn't sleep * didn't get * watched * was * listened

Dear Chilli,

I had a fantastic holiday in Jamaica. It was hot and the sea was blue and lovely.

I …… by plane from London to Kingston. I really …….. the flight. It was eight hours long but I ……..at all because I …….. so excited. During the flight I …….. to music, …….. a film and …….. to the girl in the seat next to me.

I …… with my aunt and uncle in Kingston. They …… me on a trip to Montego Bay. We …… at an Orchid Farm. It was brilliant. On my last night there I …… to bed until three o'clock in the morning!

See you soon!

Love,

Della

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Exercise 4. Complete these sentences in the PAST TENSE, using the correct verb:

* play * enjoy * watch * listen * talk * phone

* stop * walk * travel * like * stay

I ***watched*** the late film on TV last night.

1. We really ..... the concert last night. It was great!
2. She ..... with friends in Brighton last summer.
3. Italy ..... very well in the last World Cup.
4. Her parents ..... by train from Shanghai to Moscow.
5. I ..... you four times last night but you were out.
6. We ..... along the beach yesterday. It was lovely.
7. She ..... the film but she didn't like the music.
8. The men ..... work at exactly one o'clock.
9. I ..... to the new Sting album yesterday. It's great.
10. They ..... to us about their trip to Madagaskar. It was very interesting.

Exercise 5. Complete the man's statement with the PAST SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets:

Last night I ..... (go) to my favorite restaurant in West Street. I ..... (leave) the restaurant at about 11 o'clock. It ..... (be) a warm evening and I ..... (decide) to walk along the beach.

Suddenly, I ..... (hear) a noise. I ..... (turn) and ..... (see) three boys aged about eighteen. One boy ..... (come) up to me and ..... (ask) me the time. When I ..... (look) down at my watch, he ..... (hit) me and I ..... (fall) to the ground. Another boy ..... (take) my wallet. I ..... (shout) for help. Then they .....(run) away.

Exercise 6. **Complete the story. Use the verbs in the brackets:**

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Last year I ***went*** (go) on holiday. I ..... (drive) to the sea with my friend. On the first day we ..... (look) at the beautiful buildings and ..... (eat) in lots of restaurants. The next day ..... (be) very hot so we ..... (drive) to the sea. We ..... (leave) our clothes in the car and ..... (sunbathe) and ..... (swim) all day. At six o'clock we ..... (walk) to our car, but the car .....(be) there. We ..... (buy) some clothes and ..... (go) to the Police Station. The police ..... (be) nice and we ..... (sleep) in the police station.

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