We have seen the past simple in class. Let's review!

Read the text about some iconic buildings in Barcelona and use the correct form of past simple.

BARCELONA CATHEDRAL

In the 13th century King Jaume II, the Just, _____ (decide) to build a temple over the remains of an earlier Romanesque church. The work, _____(take) more than 150 years, but never____ (interrupt) the religious services. As a result of civil wars and the black death that _____(occur) in Barcelona, the construction of the cathedral _____ (progress) slowly. It _____ (be) not until 1460 that the main building of the cathedral **was finally finished**. The Gothic façade **was added** in 1889, and the most recent part, the cathedral's central tower, **was completed** in 1913.

GRAN TEATRE DEL LICEU

The Gran Teatre del Liceu officially _____ (open) on April 4, 1847, following the model of the grand theaters of Italy, and **was designed** to accommodate 4,000 audience members.It immediately _____ (become) a symbol of the emerging Catalan middle-class. On April 9, 1861, a fire _____ (destroy) a good part of the stage and auditorium. Its restoration **was carried out** by the architect Josep Oriol Mestres. On November 7, 1893, as a result of social tensions, and amidst a series of workers' revolts, an anarchist _____ (throw) two bombs into the auditorium during the second act of Rossini's "Guillaume Tell" opera. This violent act ____ (kill) 20 spectators and _____ (injure) more.

THE GÜELL PALACE

The Güell Palace **was designed** by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí. It ____(open) to the public in 2011 after 7 years of renovation. Palau Guell ___ (be) the town house of Gaudí's patron, Count Eusebi Güell, who_____ (order) the construction of the building in 1885 and _____ (make) it his family home for 20 years. During the Spanish civil war from 1936 to 1939 Palau Guell **was used** as a police station. After that it **was owned** by the Barcelona Council, who _____ (use) it for a theatre institute ' l'Institut del Teatre.'

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