

## 2A GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

**a** Complete the dialogues with the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 **A** Is this your first time in the US, Anna?  
**B** No, I <sup>1</sup>took a vacation in Maine last year.  
**A** Really? I love Maine! Where <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay)?  
**B** We <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Portland. We <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), we <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it. So we <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) that hotel and <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (rent) an apartment. It was great! What about you? When <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) you in Maine?  
**A** Oh, a long time ago. I <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (start) a college course there. I <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) the course, but I <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (love) Maine!



- 2 **A** What's the problem, sir?  
**B** Somebody <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (take) my clothes and bag when I <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the ocean!  
**A** When <sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?  
**B** I <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a swim at 11 o'clock.  
 I <sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) in the water for very long – about 15 minutes.  
**A** <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the person take your things?  
**B** No. When I <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the water, my bag <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) there.  
**A** What <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) in your bag? Anything valuable?  
**B** Yes! My cell phone, credit cards... Oh, I <sup>22</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (know) it was a bad idea to leave my bag on the beach...

- 3 **A** Ruth! You're back! <sup>23</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a good time?  
**B** No. It <sup>24</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful.  
**A** Why? What happened?  
**B** We <sup>25</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a really basic apartment, and Tom <sup>26</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we <sup>27</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out much in the evening.  
**A** What <sup>28</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) during the day?  
<sup>29</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) sightseeing?  
**B** Yes, we visited all the famous places. But we <sup>30</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a lot of money on food, and we <sup>31</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (argue) a lot about it. Tom <sup>32</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for his whole family! I <sup>33</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) anything.



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**b** Cover the sentences and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, the man on the beach, and Ruth and Tom.