GRAMMAR 1 Past simple negative

Talk about things that didn't happen in the past

1 Complete the grammar table with the words in the box.

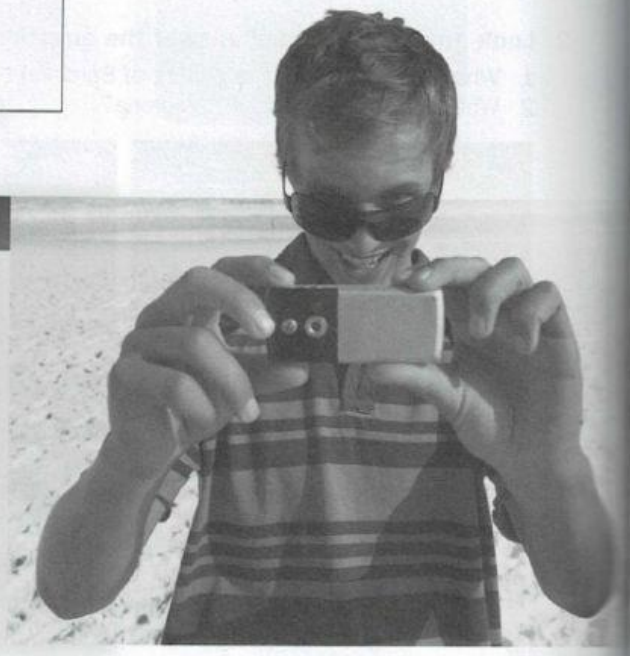
couldn't didn't ~~happen~~ wasn't/weren't

Past simple negative
Use: For describing things that didn't (1) *happen* in the past.
Form: Negative *I/you*, etc + (2) _____ + verb: *We didn't visit the castle.* I/you, etc + (3) _____ : *The weather wasn't very nice.* *I/you*, etc + *couldn't* + verb: *I* (4) _____ *eat anything.*

2 Read the blog and underline the examples of the past simple (positive and negative).

My blog posts about contact

Well, it's day five of my holiday now and so it's a mixture of good and bad. The flight arrived on time but the bus to the hotel broke down, so we got to the hotel late. We sat on the side of the road for two hours until another bus came. We didn't do much on the first couple of days; we just sat next to the pool. I didn't like the food. It was fish and rice every day and they didn't have chips or pizza. On the third day it wasn't sunny so we went to a theme park. I went on most of the rides but I didn't go on one of the roller coasters – it was too big and fast! Yesterday we went to the beach. I swam in the sea and saw lots of fish, but I couldn't catch any. Today I will!

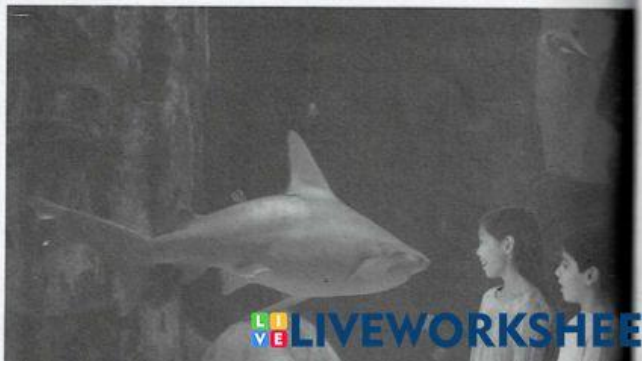


3 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Mark's flight (1) *was* (be) on time, but he (2) _____ (not get) to the hotel on time. He (3) _____ (sit) next to the pool for two days and (4) _____ (relax). The food (5) _____ (not be) good because he (6) _____ (not want) fish. They (7) _____ (not sit) next to the pool on the third day because they (8) _____ (be) at the theme park. He (9) _____ (not go) on all the rides because one of the roller coasters was too big and fast. At the beach he (10) _____ (not catch) any fish.

4 Choose the correct options to complete the text.

I (1) ***could*** / ***couldn't*** wait for our trip on the sixth day of our holiday. We (2) ***went*** / ***didn't go*** to the aquarium. The main tank (3) ***was*** / ***wasn't*** amazing. We (4) ***saw*** / ***didn't see*** so many different fish and sharks – hundreds! I (5) ***liked*** / ***didn't like*** the rest of the centre, though. There (6) ***were*** / ***weren't*** so many people that I (7) ***could*** / ***couldn't*** see anything. My parents (8) ***did*** / ***didn't*** let me buy anything in the shop because they said it was too expensive. It (9) ***was*** / ***wasn't*** such a good day in the end – it was a bit disappointing. But it (10) ***was*** / ***wasn't*** the worst day of the holiday. That was yesterday – a horrible day!



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5 » Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Use past simple forms.

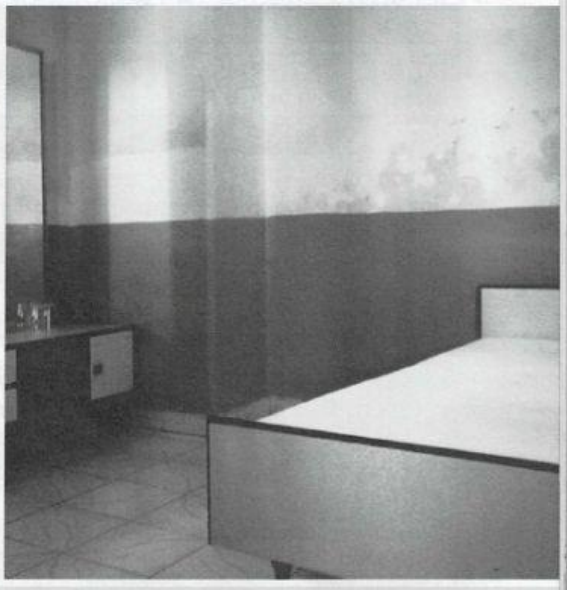
1 She didn't had a good time. *She didn't have a good time.*
2 I hasn't enjoyed my holiday. _____
3 The food was so bad I couldn't ate it. _____
4 They wasn't very happy with their hotel. _____
5 I decide to go for a walk. _____
6 It is a beautiful day yesterday. _____
7 They doesn't liked the trip to Kraków. It rained every day. _____
8 Caroline was getting up at 8 o'clock every day of the holiday. _____

6 » Complete the hotel review with the positive or negative form of the verbs in the box.

be be clean eat have speak swim want

Not the best place to stay!

Well, not the best hotel in the world. When we arrived there (1) *wasn't* anyone on reception* and we (2) _____ to wait nearly an hour to check into our room. They (3) _____ the room before we arrived – it was really dirty! I (4) _____ a nice meal in the hotel for the whole holiday – not one! We (5) _____ to play tennis but it was always too busy. The hotel had too many guests for the facilities*. I (6) _____ in the pool once, but it was really cold! The only good thing was the staff, who (7) _____ very friendly. The town was very beautiful and there was lots to do. We (8) _____ to people staying in other hotels and I think there are definitely better ones than this.



Glossary
*reception – the place in a hotel where people go when they first arrive
*facilities – buildings or things for people to use, eg a gym, a swimming pool, internet, etc

7 »» Complete these text messages about a holiday. Use past tense forms.

A: (1) *Did you have* a good holiday?

B: It (2) _____ OK but the weather (3) _____ terrible. It (4) _____ every day – I got really wet!

A: Oh, no! What did you do every day?

B: We (5) _____ to lots of museums and galleries and (6) _____ lots of coffee in cafés.

A: (7) _____ it boring?

B: No, I (8) _____ bored but my brother (9) _____. He (10) _____ it was the worst holiday ever!

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