Empower A2 U6B

1 GRAMMAR Past simple: positive

a Complete the text with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.



John Lennon [1] was born (be born) in 1940 in Liverpool, England. His middle name [2]_____ (be) Winston. John's parents [3]_____ (separate) when he [4]_____ (be) only five years old and he [5]_____ (live) with his aunt and uncle, Mimi and George Smith. However, he often [6]_____ (visit) his mother at her house and she [7]_____ (teach) him to play the banjo. In 1956, she [8]_____ (buy) him his first guitar. Two years later she [9]_____ (die) in a car accident. In 1958, John [10]_____ (go) to the Liverpool College of Art, but he [11]_____ (leave) before the end of the course. In 1960 he [12]_____ (meet) Paul McCartney and together with two other friends they [13]_____ (start) The Beatles. They [14]_____ (become) the most famous and successful band in the history of popular music. Lennon and McCartney [15]_____ (write) most of The Beatles' songs.

b Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Andrew *meeted / met / metted* Laura when they *were / was / been* at university together.
2 The taxi *stopped / stoped / stopt* in front of the station and she *gived / gaved / gave* the driver $20.
3 He *were / was / am* born in 1942 and *died / die / dyed* in 2010.
4 When they *find / finded / found* the handbag in the park, they *taked / took / taken* it to the police station.
5 Last year, my brother *goed / was / went* to Las Vegas on holiday. It's a really expensive place to visit. He *spent / spended / spented* over £1,000 in three days!
6 My mother *maked / maid / made* a big birthday cake for my brother yesterday and we *eated / ate / ated* three pieces each!
7 My sister *playd / plaied / played* the piano very well when she was eight and my parents *bought / buyed / buied* her a guitar when she was fifteen.
8 Elizabeth *workt / worked / walked* hard at university and then *getted / gotted / got* a fantastic job in London.

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2 VOCABULARY

Past simple irregular verbs

Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of the verbs in the box.

go	eat	give	read	bring	~~buy~~
think	make	have	~~cost~~	get	come

1 My uncle bought a new car last week. It cost $50,000!
2 We _____ to an Italian restaurant last night and _____ a fantastic pizza!
3 She _____ to my house for dinner on Saturday and _____ her new boyfriend with her.
4 I _____ that new book about Leonardo Da Vinci at the weekend. I _____ it was really interesting.
5 Last night she _____ us a lovely chicken soup. Sorry, there isn't any for you today because we _____ it all.
6 I _____ some lovely chocolates for my birthday. My friend Alison _____ them to me.

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