

SIMPLE PAST PRACTICE

★★ Complete the text.
Use the past simple
form of the verbs in
brackets.

Last year I ¹ had (have) a terrible experience when a shark ² _____ (attack) me. That day I ³ _____ (not see) the red danger flag at the beach, so I ⁴ _____ (decide) to go surfing. Suddenly I ⁵ _____ (hear) someone shouting, and ⁶ _____ (see) the shark from me. I ⁷ _____ (jump) at the shark ⁸ _____ (open) ⁹ _____ (hit) it hard on ¹⁰ _____ (break) in half, but the shark ¹¹ _____ It ¹² _____ (swim) away.



★★ Write questions for a local politician.
Use the prompts and the past simple.

- 1 What problems / the town / have?
What problems did the town have?
- 2 So / you / build flood defences?

- 3 What / you / do?

- 4 How much / it / cost?

- 5 Where / you / get the money?

- 6 Why / people / start to call you
a green town?

★ ★ Complete the politician's answers. Use the verbs in the box in the past simple. Then match the answers (a–f) with the questions in Exercise 11.

reach decide give have move
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- a The total ¹ reached more than \$6 million.
Question: 4
- b Because we ² _____ to put solar panels on all the new buildings. We ³ _____ the first green town in the USA!
Question: _____
- c We ⁴ _____ terrible floods every two or three years because the town was by the river.
Question: _____
- d No, the experts ⁵ _____ that normal protection could stop the floods.
Question: _____
- e The town ⁶ _____ all the money.
The government ⁷ _____ us \$4 million.
Question: _____
- f The people of the town ⁸ _____ all the houses and shops up the hill!
Question: _____

