

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 the next minute I
⁶ _____ (see) the shark a few metres away
from me. I ⁷ _____ (jump) off my surfboard,
the shark ⁸ _____ (open) its mouth, and I
⁹ _____ (hit) it hard on the nose. The surfboard
¹⁰ _____ (break) in half. I don't know why,
but the shark ¹¹ _____ (not attack) me again.
It ¹² _____ (swim) away very fast. How lucky!



★ ★ 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
not think be not pay

- 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: _____