

- a** Write *R* (regular) or *I* (irregular) after each verb.  
Use the list on page 176 to help you.

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| 1 arrive | 11 have  |
| 2 become | 12 like  |
| 3 buy    | 13 plan  |
| 4 come   | 14 play  |
| 5 cook   | 15 spend |
| 6 decide | 16 tell  |
| 7 enjoy  | 17 try   |
| 8 find   | 18 win   |
| 9 finish | 19 work  |
| 10 go    | 20 write |

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



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

- a** 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.

Correct one spelling mistake in each sentence.

- 1 He plaied volleyball when he was young.  
\_\_\_\_\_ played \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I bought a new bed yesterday and it cost £450.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I really liket the concert on Saturday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 She eated a piece of cake with her coffee.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They gotten an email about the new course.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 We dicide to stay at home last weekend.  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 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* / *plai*ed / *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.