A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in.
Robert Orben, American magician and comedy writer

Right place, wrong person

1 VOCABULARY vacations

a Write the phrases.












1 go *camping*
2 go _____ a _____
3 _____ flights on the Internet
4 go _____
5 _____ skis
6 go _____ at night
7 _____ in a hotel
8 go _____
9 _____ on the beach
10 go _____ for the weekend

b Complete the sentences with an adjective.

1 We loved our room. It was very *comfortable*.
2 The weather was warm and s_____ every day.
3 There were a lot of people everywhere. It was very cr_____.
4 We ate very well. The food was d_____.
5 The staff at the hotel was horrible. They were very unh_____, and sometimes very rude.
6 There wasn't much in the apartment. It was very b_____. It didn't even have a refrigerator.
7 The other people on the trip were very fr_____.We hope to meet some of them again in the future.
8 The town was n_____. All the houses had flowers on the balcony and were painted different colors.
9 It was cl_____, and we didn't see the sun at all.
10 Our first meal was d_____, so we didn't eat at the hotel again.

2 GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Write the simple past of these verbs in the correct column.

argue	begin	arrive	ask	buy	can	choose
eat	feel	invite	rent	say	stay	sunbathe

Regular	Irregular
argued	*began*

b Make the verbs negative.

1 We stayed at a campsite.
We didn't stay in a hotel.
2 They bought postcards.
_____ any souvenirs.
3 The people were unfriendly.
_____ very helpful.
4 I sunbathed on the beach.
_____ by the pool.
5 We rented bikes.
_____ a car.
6 He spent a month in Bangkok.
_____ a week there.
7 Our room was dirty.
_____ very clean.

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c Complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs in the box.

arrive ask book cannot decide go (x2) look take want

The vacation that wasn't

Four years ago, we [1] *decided* to go away for the weekend. We [2] _____ to go to Mexico, so we [3] _____ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we [4] _____ a taxi to the airport. We [5] _____ at the airport at two o'clock, and we [6] _____ to check in. The woman at the desk [7] _____ us for our passports. We [8] _____ in our bags, but we [9] _____ find them. So we [10] _____ home!

d Read the text in **c** again. Complete the questions.

1 When *did they decide* to go away for the weekend? Four years ago.
2 Where _____ to go? Mexico.
3 How _____ the apartment? They booked it online.
4 When _____ at the airport? At two o'clock.
5 What _____ ask for? She asked for their passports.
6 Where _____ in the end? They went back home.

3 PRONUNCIATION *-ed* endings, irregular verbs

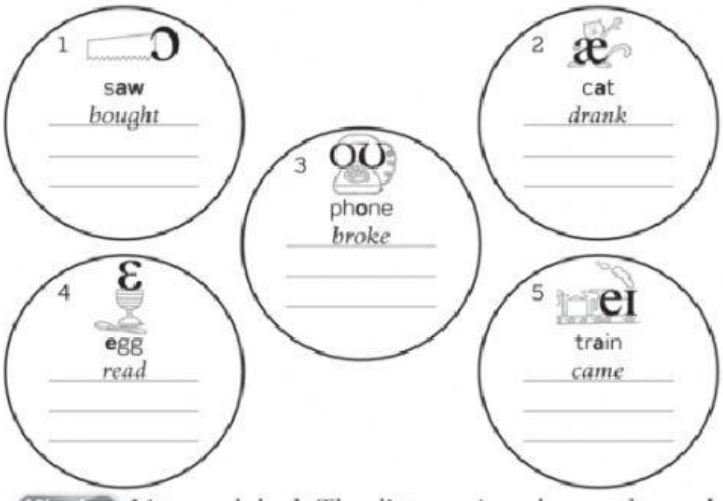
a iChecker Listen and circle the verb that has a different *-ed* sound.

1	walked	asked	rented
2	argued	wanted	stayed
3	booked	started	decided
4	arrived	invited	sunbathed

b iChecker Listen again and repeat the words.

c Write these irregular simple past forms in the correct circle.

bought broke called came caught drank drove made
rang read said sat went wrote gave



d iChecker Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

4 LISTENING

iChecker Listen to five speakers talking about vacations they didn't enjoy. Which speaker...?

a didn't have a very exciting weekend ___
b wasn't with the people he / she wanted to be with *1*
c chose a vacation destination because of the weather there ___
d went on vacation after a relationship ended ___
e didn't feel well when he / she was on vacation ___


Speaker 1


Speaker 2


Speaker 3


Speaker 4


Speaker 5

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

atmosphere /'ætməsfɪr/
disaster /dɪ'zæstər/
hostels /'hɑstlz/
complain /kəm'pleɪn/
enjoy /ɪn'dʒɔɪ/
flirt /flərt/
view /vyu/
break up /'breɪk ʌp/
feel sorry for (somebody) /fil 'sɑri fɔr/
go wrong /goʊ rɔŋ/

LIVEWORKSHEETS