2 GRAMMAR BANK

2A past simple: regular and irregular verbs

	regular	irregular 2.2
+	We **stayed** at a hotel last summer.	I **went** to Turkey twice last year.
−	He **didn't stay** with friends.	She **didn't go** to France.
?	**Did** you **stay** for the weekend?	**Did** you **go** to Madrid?
✓ ✗	Yes, I **did**.	No, we **didn't**.
Wh ?	Where **did** you **stay**?	Why **did** you **go**?

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple + of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in + past simple, e.g. *go* → **went**, *see* → **saw**. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.
- We use *didn't* + infinitive for negatives and *Did...* + subject + infinitive for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QuASI** to remember word order in questions. See **1A** p.126.

spelling rules for regular verbs

infinitive	past	spelling
work stay	worked stayed	add *-ed*
like	liked	add *d* if verb finishes in *e*
study	studied	*y* → *ied* after a consonant
stop	stopped	if verb finishes in consonant–vowel–consonant, double the final consonant

2A

a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we had (have) a holiday in Scotland. We [1]_____ (drive) there from London, but our car [2]_____ (break) down on the motorway and we [3]_____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we [4]_____ (get) to Edinburgh we [5]_____ (go) to our hotel, but they [6]_____ (not can) find our reservation, and they [7]_____ (be) full. We [8]_____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we [9]_____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we [10]_____ (stay) there for the week. We [11]_____ (see) the castle and [12]_____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We [13]_____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we [14]_____ (not have) much time and it [15]_____ (be) quite far away. The weather [16]_____ (not be) very good – it [17]_____ (start) raining on the day we [18]_____ (leave) London, and it never [19]_____ (stop)!

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?
We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?
Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?
I went with my family.

3 _____?
We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane tickets _____?
They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?
It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?
We usually went out for dinner.

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