

6B

Grammar

Past simple (affirmative): regular

I can talk about past events.



SEARCHING FOR THE LOST CITY

The successful Canadian entertainer William Hunt lived and worked in Europe under the name The Great Farini. But he wanted a new challenge and loved the idea of exploration. So in 1885, he sailed to Africa and crossed the huge Kalahari Desert on foot. A photographer travelled with him and photographed the journey. After the journey, they described a lost city in the middle of the desert. Their story caused a lot of excitement and many other explorers studied the photographs and then tried to find the city, but without success. In the end, people stopped looking. Perhaps Farini invented the lost city – nobody knows for sure.

- 1 **3.05** Read and listen to the text about exploring the Kalahari Desert. What three different jobs does it mention?

- 2 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then look at the highlighted past simple verbs in the text in exercise 1 and match two with each spelling rule (a–d).

LEARN THIS! Past simple (affirmative): regular verbs

The past simple affirmative of regular verbs ends in -ed.

- a With most verbs, we add -ed to the infinitive without to:
work → worked
- b If the verb ends in -e, we just add -d:
like → liked
- c If the verb ends in -y, the -y changes to -ied:
carry → carried
- d If the verb ends in a vowel and a consonant, we usually double the consonant before adding -ed:
chat → chatted

- 3 **3.06 PRONUNCIATION** Listen and repeat these past simple forms. In which verbs is the -ed ending an extra syllable pronounced /ɪd/? What is the rule?

arrived chatted decided interrupted liked
needed planned visited worked

- 4 **PRONUNCIATION** Say the past simple forms of these regular verbs. Pay attention to the endings.

end live start stop travel wait walk want watch

- 5 Choose the correct verb for each gap. Then complete the text with the past simple affirmative form.

CROSSING THE SAHARA

Michael Asher is a British explorer and the first person to cross the Sahara Desert using only camels. As a young man, Asher ¹ _____ (work / arrive) as a police officer and then a teacher. But he ² _____ (want / wait) to be an explorer. So he ³ _____ (visit / move) to Africa, ⁴ _____ (live / watch) with an African tribe and ⁵ _____ (study / start) their language. He ⁶ _____ (describe / marry) an Italian woman called Mariantonietta Peru. She ⁷ _____ (plan / love) the idea of exploring too, and together, they ⁸ _____ (walk / plan) a journey across the Sahara Desert from west to east by camel and on foot. They ⁹ _____ (train / stop) for three months and then they ¹⁰ _____ (start / end) their journey. They ¹¹ _____ (work / travel) about 7,250 kilometres and ¹² _____ (arrive / live) at their destination 271 days later. Asher ¹³ _____ (decide / describe) the crossing in his book *Impossible Journey – Two Against the Sahara*.



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- 6 Complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

chat live stop travel wait walk

- 1 I walked into town last night.
- 2 My cousins _____ around Italy last summer.
- 3 We _____ three hours for a bus.
- 4 His grandparents _____ in America for years.
- 5 The rain _____ an hour ago.
- 6 I _____ to my neighbour yesterday morning.

- 7 **VOCABULARY** Add the four underlined time expressions from the sentences in exercise 6 to the list below. Then put all of the expressions into the correct order (1–10), starting with the most recent.

Past time expressions a few minutes ago last month
last week ten years ago three hours ago
two months ago

- 1 A few minutes ago, 2 ...

- 8 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Using past simple verb forms from this lesson, tell your partner things you did:

last week ten years ago this morning yesterday

This morning, I walked to school. I arrived at school. I ...