

Grammar

Past Simple

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1 Read about Tony Hawks's Irish adventure. Complete the text with the regular or irregular Past Simple form of the verbs in the boxes.

Round Ireland ... with a fridge?!

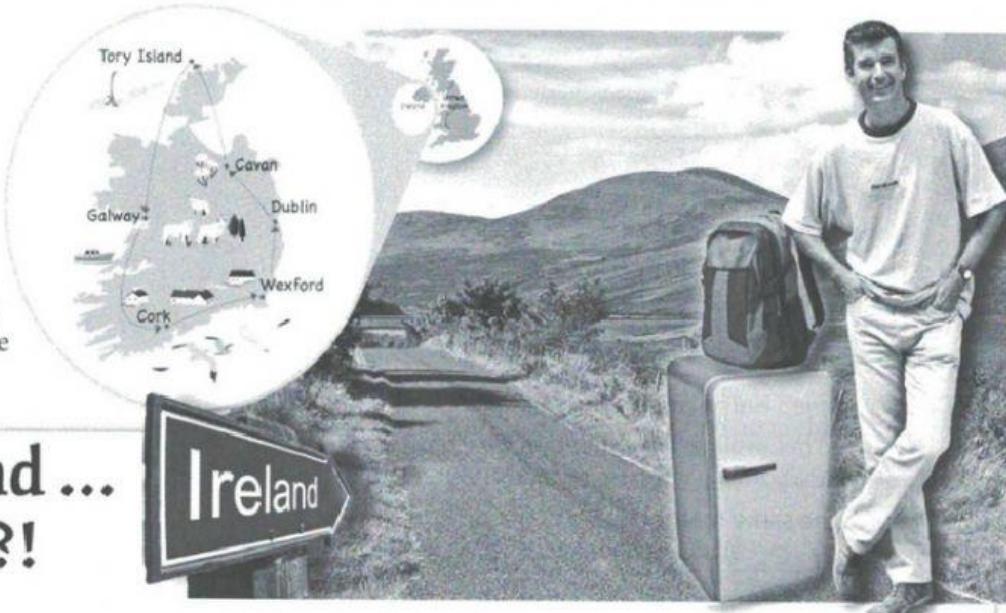
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There are many ways to travel round Ireland – by car, coach, train, or bike. One man ¹ chose to hitchhike* round Ireland, but he had a very unusual travelling companion – a fridge!

On a Saturday night in the middle of winter, Tony Hawks, a British comedian, was having dinner with some old friends. They ² _____ too much red wine, and the conversation became wilder and wilder. At the end of the night he ³ _____ a crazy bet with his friend, Kevin. He ⁴ _____ to hitchhike around Ireland in one month with a fridge! The bet was only for £100.

The next day, Kevin ⁵ _____ Tony and said he could forget the bet. However, Tony loved the silliness of the idea, and he ⁶ _____ to do it!

The next month, Tony ⁷ _____ a small fridge. He was ready for his Irish adventure!



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The trip

Tony ⁸ _____ from Cavan in Ireland. It wasn't long before a local radio DJ ⁹ _____ interested in Tony's unusual challenge. He ¹⁰ _____ Tony to call the radio show every morning and share his travel stories with the listeners. The Irish people ¹¹ _____ hearing about his travels and wanted to help him win his bet. They called him 'the Fridge Man'.

Not surprisingly, Tony and his fridge ¹² _____ some interesting adventures. They had tea with the king of Tory Island, a tiny Irish-speaking island off the coast of Donegal. Tony ¹³ _____ to win the princess's hand in marriage with a bunch of flowers, but unfortunately the princess was away. He also ¹⁴ _____ surfing with Bingo, one of Ireland's champion surfers. Bingo ¹⁵ _____ the fridge was a better surfer than Tony!



The king of Tory Island

Tony loved the warmth and generosity of the Irish people. He found it amazing that a small fridge could bring so many people together. And he ¹⁶ _____ the bet!

hitchhike to travel by getting free lifts from passing cars



Questions

2 Write the questions about Tony Hawks.

- 1 'What did Tony travel round Ireland with?'
'A fridge.'
- 2 'Who _____ with?'
'His friend, Kevin.'
- 3 'How long _____ the journey _____?'
'It took one month.'
- 4 'How much _____ for?'
'£100.'
- 5 'Why _____ he decide _____?'
'Because he loved the silliness of the idea.'
- 6 'Where _____ from?'
'Cavan.'
- 7 'What _____?'
'The Fridge Man.'
- 8 'Who _____ with?'
'The king of Tory Island.'

Negatives and short answers

3 Correct the information.

- 1 Tony met his friends on a Friday night.

Tony didn't meet his friends on a Friday night.

He met them on a Saturday night.

- 2 Tony drank too much beer.

He had six weeks to complete the bet.

- 4 The bet was for £1,000.

- 5 During his trip, Tony went skydiving.

4 Answer the questions with short answers.

- 1 'Did he travel with a washing machine?'
'No, he didn't.'

- 2 'Did he travel round Scotland?'
'Yes, he did.'

- 3 'Did he meet lots of friendly people on his trip?'
'Yes, he did.'

- 4 'Did he get married?' 'Yes, he did.'

- 5 'Did he go surfing?' 'Yes, he did.'

- 6 'Did he lose the bet?' 'Yes, he did.'