

# Simple past: regular and irregular verbs

## a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

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

## c Complete the text with the past simple form of verbs from the list.

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

### THE HOLIDAY THAT WASN'T

Four years ago, we <sup>1</sup> decided to go away for the weekend. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Portugal, so we <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to the airport. We <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport at two o'clock, and we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to check-in. The woman at the desk <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us for our passports. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in our bags and in our coat pockets, but we <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ find them. So we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home again! It was a miserable weekend! ☹️

## e Write the past simple of these verbs in the correct column.

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

### Regular

argued

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Irregular

began

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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.

## 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?

Portugal.

3 How \_\_\_\_\_ the apartment?

They booked it online.

4 What time \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport?

At two o'clock.

5 What \_\_\_\_\_ at check-in ask for?

The woman asked for their passports.

6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ in the end?

They went home.

## f Rewrite the sentences with a negative verb.

1 We stayed in a hostel.

We didn't stay in a hotel.

2 They bought some postcards.

They \_\_\_\_\_ any souvenirs.

3 The people were unfriendly.

The people \_\_\_\_\_ very helpful.

4 I swam in the sea.

I \_\_\_\_\_ in the swimming pool.

5 We rented a flat.

We \_\_\_\_\_ a car.

6 He spent a month in Bangkok.

He \_\_\_\_\_ a week there.

8 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 on the beach. It was very cr\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The hotel was on a busy road, so it was really n\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The staff in the hotel were very unh\_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes quite unfriendly.
- 6 There wasn't much in the apartment. It was very b\_\_\_\_\_. It didn't even have a fridge.
- 7 The other people on the trip were very fr\_\_\_\_\_. We made some good friends.
- 8 The town was l\_\_\_\_\_. All the houses had flowers on the balcony and were painted different colours.
- 9 It was cl\_\_\_\_\_ all day, so we couldn't sunbathe.
- 10 The apartment was very l\_\_\_\_\_ – it was full of expensive furniture and very comfortable!

h Look at the chart. Write the questions and Lucy's answers. Write sentences about your last holiday in the **You** column

Last year's holiday	Lucy	You
1 Where / you go <i>Where did you go?</i>	Greece <i>I went to Greece.</i>	<i>On my last holiday, I went to...</i>
2 How / you / get there	plane	
3 Where / you / stay	hotel	
4 How long / you / stay	ten days	
5 What / you / do	went swimming	
6 What / be / weather like	sunny	

i Match the words on the left with the phrases on the right.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We went</li> <li>2. I saw</li> <li>3. We ate fish</li> <li>4. They stayed</li> <li>5. She made</li> <li>6. We watched</li> <li>7. He had</li> </ol> |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Big Ben</li> <li>b. many new friends</li> <li>c. a great time</li> <li>d. a fantastic musical</li> <li>e. and chips</li> <li>f. to San Francisco</li> <li>g. with some old friends</li> </ol> |
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j Choose the correct form for each statement.

- **How was/were your holiday?**
  1. What was/were the weather like?
  2. The hotel was/were really nice.
  3. There wasn't/weren't many people.
  4. It was/were very relaxing.
  5. How was/were the restaurants?
  6. Were/was there a swimming pool?