

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Past simple

1 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The boys hiked (hike) for nine days.
- 2 They take (take) Fenn's clues with them.
- 3 They enjoy (enjoy) listening to the poem about the buried treasure.
- 4 The adults and children read (read) the clues carefully.
- 5 Some people write (write) diaries about their journey.
- 6 Actually, the diary extracts be (be) very interesting.

2 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then match the questions with the answers in Exercise 1.

did (x2) write hike were enjoy

- a What did the adults and children read carefully?
- b How long did the boys hike for?
- c Were the diary extracts boring?
- d What did they enjoy listening to?
- e What did they take with them?
- f What did some people do?

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3 Write questions and short answers in the past simple.

1 you / have a good holiday, Tina? (✓)

Did you have a good holiday, Tina? Yes, I did.

2 you / swim in the sea? (✗)

3 you all / go in the pool? (✓)

4 your friends / like the food? (✓)

5 Tomas / take lots of photos? (✓)

6 Susie / want to come home? (✗)

4 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Henry seed photos of the pioneers yesterday. saw
- 2 We didn't enjoyed the bus journey.
- 3 Did you found a good tour guide last week?
- 4 I did went out in the stormy weather.
- 5 They stopped for food and drink.
- 6 Did she be late for class yesterday?

5 Complete the conversation with the correct past simple form of the verbs in the box.

become decide look after not have
return ride see stay travel write



IVAN 1 Did you see the TV documentary about Dervla Murphy last night?

DARIA No, I didn't. Who is she?

IVAN An amazing traveller and travel writer. In 1963, she² to cycle from her home town in Ireland all the way to India. And in those days, people³ the kinds of bikes we have now!

DARIA⁴ she her bike all the way to India?

IVAN Yes, she did, and she⁵ there for a year. She⁶ Tibetan refugee children, and when she⁷ home, she⁸ her first book. She quickly⁹ a famous travel writer – there are more than 20 books by her. Dervla¹⁰ all over the world when she was younger, but she still can't drive a car!