

Vocabulary

Past time expressions

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- We visited China *at/in* 2014 and saw the Great Wall.
- Did you go to Brian's 30th birthday party *last/until* August?
- When/As* I was ten, I went to live with my aunt in Switzerland.
- Pete came to visit us two weeks *until/ago*.
- We moved house *on/at* 17th March.
- Bob stayed in the job *until/when* 2017 and then started his own business.

2 Match the sentence halves.

- We didn't know each other until last *d*
 - They had a summer holiday in Cuba in _____
 - We met my brother's new girlfriend at a party three weeks _____
 - Sally learnt German when she was _____
 - Gemma didn't have her own car until _____
 - We got married on _____
- a seven years old.
b 2016.
c this year.
d February.
e 17th August.
f ago.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

ago (x2) in last on (x2) until when

- I started playing tennis _____ I was about 12 years old.
- I saw that new film at the cinema a week _____.
- We met _____ January this year on a skiing holiday.
- _____ year, three new hotels opened in our town.
- Daniel lived in France _____ last year, when he moved to Germany.
- We went to Paris _____ my birthday.
- I always meet Claire for coffee _____ Saturdays.
- I met my best friend 15 years _____.

Grammar

Past simple negative and questions

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- Last week I *don't/didn't* go out so that I could study.
- We *weren't/wasn't* surprised that the flight was delayed.
- Why *did/was* Susan so stressed yesterday evening?
- Liv *wasn't/didn't* know how to use the new computer system at work.
- I *wasn't/didn't* excited about the project.
- I tried to help her, but she *didn't/wasn't* listen to me.
- Greg *wasn't/weren't* good at sports at school.
- What *did/was* you say to him?

5 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

When I ¹ _____ (be) 18 years old, I ² _____ (go) backpacking across Europe with all my friends from school. We ³ _____ (not have) a lot of money, but we ⁴ _____ (have) a wonderful time. We ⁵ _____ (try) to plan the trip well, but there ⁶ _____ (be) a few surprises! We ⁷ _____ (not find) many cheap places to stay, and in the second week of our trip, my friend Becky ⁸ _____ (fall over) and hurt her knee. But it was fun. We ⁹ _____ (eat) a lot of great food and ¹⁰ _____ (laugh) a lot, too!



6 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- Jim / this / When / morning / did / arrive?

- buy / your / you / Where / bike / did?

- at / Who / party / Shona's / was?

- you / on / go / Where / holiday / did?

- late / was / this / Why / Billy / morning?

- finish / What / they / did / work / time?

- Why / she / to / travel / Italy / did?

- see / Which / at / you / did / cinema / film / the?