

Vocabulary

Past time expressions

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

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

2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 We didn't know each other *until last* *day*.
- 2 They had a summer holiday *in* *Cuba* *in* *—*.
- 3 We met my brother's new girlfriend *at* a party *three weeks* *—*.
- 4 Sally learnt German *when* she was *—*.
- 5 Gemma didn't have her own *car* *until* *—*.
- 6 We got married *on* *—*.
 - seven years old.
 - 2016.
 - this year.
 - February.
 - 17th August.
 - ago.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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

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

Grammar

Past simple negative and questions

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 Last week I *don't/didn't* go out so that I could study.
- 2 We *weren't/wasn't* surprised that the flight was delayed.
- 3 Why *did/was* Susan so stressed yesterday evening?
- 4 *Liv wasn't/didn't* know how to use the new computer system at work.
- 5 I *wasn't/didn't* excited about the project.
- 6 I tried to help her, but she *didn't/wasn't* listen to me.
- 7 Greg *wasn't/weren't* good at sports at school.
- 8 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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