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) Fenn's clues with them.
3 They _____ (enjoy) listening to the poem about the buried treasure.
4 The adults and children _____ (read) the clues carefully.
5 Some people _____ (write) diaries about their journey.
6 Actually, the diary extracts _____ (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? [4]
b How long did the boys _____ for? [ ]
c _____ the diary extracts boring? [ ]
d What did they _____ listening to? [ ]
e What _____ they take with them? [ ]
f What did some people _____ ? [ ]

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, she [2] _____ to cycle from her home town in Ireland all the way to India. And in those days, people [3] _____ the kinds of bikes we have now!

DARIA [4] _____ she _____ her bike all the way to India?

IVAN Yes, she did, and she [5] _____ there for a year. She [6] _____ Tibetan refugee children, and when she [7] _____ home, she [8] _____ her first book. She quickly [9] _____ a famous travel writer – there are more than 20 books by her. Dervla [10] _____ all over the world when she was younger, but she still can't drive a car!

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