

# The dog who came to stay.

Last summer, Matthew and Fiona went on holiday to Spain. They stayed in a small cottage. One day, Matthew went for a long walk. He found a dog! It was lost! It was a stray dog. It wagged its tail. It followed Matthew home. Fiona liked the dog and she gave it some food. It ate the food very quickly. It sat down outside their front door. At 10 pm, it was cold. Fiona let the dog inside. It sat beside her on the sofa. It was a girl dog. They gave her a name - Hilda. Hilda stayed in the cottage with them. Six days later, it was time to go home. Back to England! Fiona took Hilda to a dog rescue centre. Sadly, they had no place for Hilda. But, they offered to help! They transported Hilda to England, to Fiona and Matthew's house. Fiona and Matthew paid the dog rescue people a fee. The fee was £500. Now, Hilda lives with Matthew and Fiona! She sleeps on the bed and eats Pedigree Chum and nice dog biscuits. Matthew takes her for a long walk every day and she sits on Fiona's knee in the evenings. Matthew and Fiona love Hilda and Hilda loves them.



**Find the past simple of these verbs in the text. Write them on the line.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Find
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Transport
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pay
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Take
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Go
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Sit
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Stay
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Wag
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Give
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Offer
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Follow
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Have
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Eat
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Like

**Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false ones:**

- 1) Two years ago, Matthew and Fiona went on holiday to Greece.
- 2) They stayed in a big hotel.
- 3) One day, Matthew went for a walk.
- 4) On his walk, Matthew found a mountain goat.
- 5) The stray dog wagged its tail.
- 6) The dog went back to its owners.
- 7) Fiona liked the dog and she gave it something to eat.
- 8) The dog didn't eat the food.
- 9) It sat outside their front door.
- 10) At 9:30, it started raining and so Fiona let the dog indoors.
- 11) When the dog came indoors, it sat beside Fiona on the sofa.
- 12) They called the dog Hilda.
- 13) Hilda stayed outside in the garden.
- 14) Matthew and Fiona took Hilda to a dog rescue centre.
- 15) The rescue centre had a place for Hilda.
- 16) They transported Hilda to Spain.
- 17) Matthew and Fiona paid a fee of £200
- 18) Now, Hilda lives with Matthew and Fiona.
- 19) They treat the dog very well.
- 20) They love their dog.