11A A new life in the US

Did you decide to go to the US? — Yes, we did. We wanted to live abroad.

G simple past: regular verbs | V regular verbs | P regular simple past endings

1 GRAMMAR simple past: regular verbs

a 11.1 Read and listen to Dominic. Choose a or b.

1 Dominic and his wife wanted to live _____.
  a in another country b in another place in their country
2 Duke University offered _____ a job in the US.
  a Dominic b Miriam
3 In the beginning, they _____ sure if they wanted to go.
  a were b weren't

b 11.2 Listen and match the sentences to photos A–F.

1 We rented a house near the university.
2 We booked our flights. It was a long trip!
3 We invited our friends to a restaurant to say goodbye.
4 We packed seven heavy suitcases.
5 The children didn't want to sleep on the plane. Sacha played with toys and Elena looked at books.
6 When we arrived in North Carolina, we were very tired!

We followed our dream

My wife and I always wanted to live abroad. But Miriam and I both work in the UK – she's a doctor and I'm a designer – and we have two small children, Sacha and Elena. Then an American university, Duke, in Durham, North Carolina, asked Miriam to go and work there for a year. At first, we weren't sure what to do. There were so many questions. What about Sacha's school? What do we do with our house? But finally, we decided to go!

c Look at the highlighted verbs in sentences 1–6 and complete the chart. What letters do you add to the verb to make the affirmative ⊞ past form? How do you make the negative ⊟?

simple past: regular verbs	
present	past
we book	We _____ our flights.
we arrive	We _____ in North Carolina.
they don't want	They _____ want to sleep.

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e In pairs, ask and answer questions with *Did...?* about the story in **a** and **b**. Answer *Yes, he / she / it / they did.* **OR** *No, he / she / it / they didn't.*

1 / Dominic and Miriam want to live abroad?
2 / Duke University offer Dominic a job?
3 / they invite their friends to their house?
4 / the children want to sleep on the plane?
5 / Sacha play with toys on the plane?
6 / Elena play with Sacha?

Did Dominic and Miriam want to live abroad?
Yes, they did.

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2 PRONUNCIATION regular simple past endings

a 11.4 Listen and repeat the sounds and sentences.

d dog	We arrived in North Carolina. Sacha played with toys.
t tie	We booked our flights. Elena looked at books. We packed seven heavy suitcases.
/ɪd/	We rented a house near the university. We invited our friends to a restaurant.

b 11.5 Listen and repeat the sentences in **1b**.

c Cover the sentences. Look at photo A and say the sentence. Do the same for photos B–F.

3 SPEAKING

a Work with a partner.

A Make ⊞ or ⊟ true sentences about you with the phrases below. Add more information.

B Check (✓) the things your partner did and cross out (✗) the things he or she didn't do.

this morning	listen to the radio
	walk to work / school
	arrive late at work / school
last night	call a friend
	watch TV
	study English
last weekend	play a sport or a game
	cook lunch or dinner
	help in the house

I listened to the radio this morning in the car.

I didn't walk to work.

b Change roles.

c Work with a new partner. Ask and answer about his or her old partner.

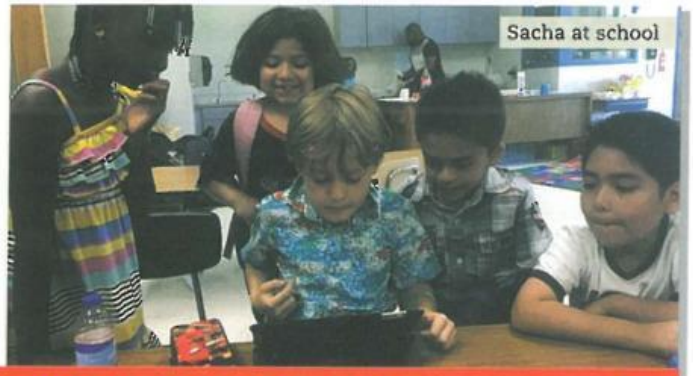
Did Anna listen to the radio this morning?

Yes, she did. She listened to it in the car.

Did she walk to work? *No, she didn't.*

4 READING & LISTENING

a 11.6 Read and listen to part of Dominic's blog about their life in the US. What did they like about the US? What was a problem for them?

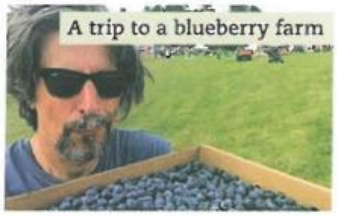

Sacha at school

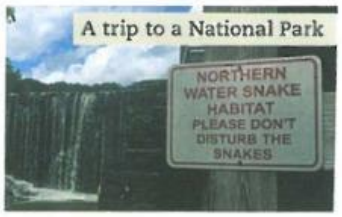
We want to go back to _____!

At first living in the US was very difficult. We missed our friends and family and we didn't like the food. It was difficult to find good chocolate. We also needed to rent a car. In London, we don't drive, but in Durham, not many people walk or use public transportation!

But we soon started to enjoy it. Our house was nice, and near a big park. Sacha liked his school, especially his music teacher, who played the trumpet! He worked hard and his teachers were very happy with him.

b 11.7 Listen to the rest of the blog. Complete the title in **a** with *the UK* or *the US*.


A trip to a blueberry farm



A trip to a National Park

c Listen again and correct the information.

1 Miriam wasn't very happy at work.
2 Dominic worked in an office.
3 Life in the US was very expensive.
4 The children learned to play tennis.
5 The people in Durham weren't very friendly.
6 The National Parks were similar to English parks.
7 At the blueberry farm they listened to classical music.
8 They stayed in Durham for two years.
9 They returned to England because they missed their life there.

d Do you know anyone who lived or studied in another country? Where were they? Was it a good experience?

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN 11A

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