

# Grammar

## Past Simple

### Positive

1 Read about Tony Hawks's Irish adventure. Complete the text with the regular or irregular Past Simple form of the verbs in the boxes.

## Round Ireland ... with a fridge?!

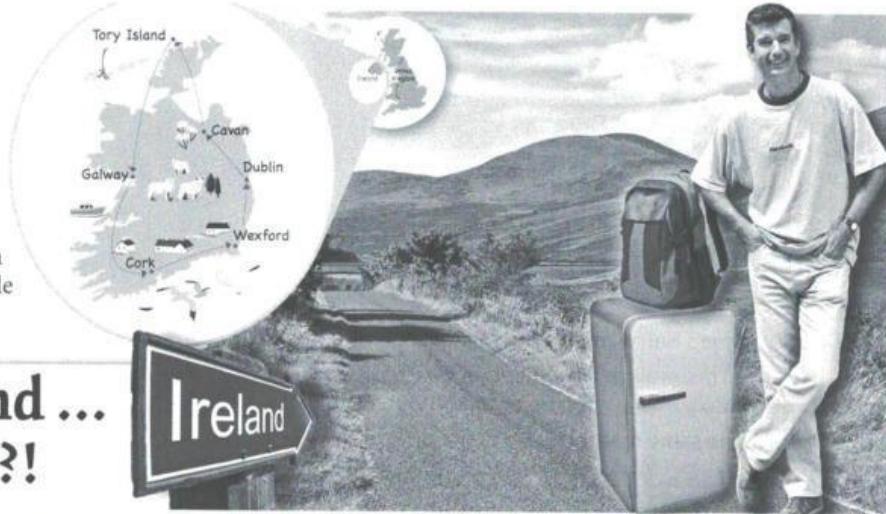
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There are many ways to travel round Ireland – by car, coach, train, or bike. One man chose to hitchhike\* round Ireland, but he had a very unusual travelling companion – a fridge!

On a Saturday night in the middle of winter, Tony Hawks, a British comedian, was having dinner with some old friends. They <sup>2</sup> drank too much red wine, and the conversation became wilder and wilder. At the end of the night he <sup>3</sup> made a crazy bet with his friend, Kevin. He <sup>4</sup> decided to hitchhike around Ireland in one month with a fridge! The bet was only for £100.

The next day, Kevin <sup>5</sup> agreed to the bet and said he could forget the bet. However, Tony loved the silliness of the idea, and he <sup>6</sup> wanted to do it!

The next month, Tony <sup>7</sup> bought a small fridge. He was ready for his Irish adventure!



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### The trip

Tony <sup>8</sup> set off from Cavan in Ireland. It wasn't long before a local radio DJ <sup>9</sup> became interested in Tony's unusual challenge. He <sup>10</sup> asked Tony to call the radio show every morning and share his travel stories with the listeners. The Irish people <sup>11</sup> loved hearing about his travels and wanted to help him win his bet. They called him 'the Fridge Man'.

Not surprisingly, Tony and his fridge <sup>12</sup> won some interesting adventures. They had tea with the king of Tory Island, a tiny Irish-speaking island off the coast of Donegal. Tony <sup>13</sup> had to win the princess's hand in marriage with a bunch of flowers, but unfortunately the princess was away. He also <sup>14</sup> enjoyed surfing with Bingo, one of Ireland's champion surfers. Bingo <sup>15</sup> said the fridge was a better surfer than Tony!



The king of Tory Island

Tony loved the warmth and generosity of the Irish people. He found it amazing that a small fridge could bring so many people together. And he <sup>16</sup> won the bet!

**hitchhike** to travel by getting free lifts from passing cars

### 2. Write the questions about Tony Hawks.

1 'What did Tony travel round Ireland with?' — 'A fridge'

2 'Who ..... with?' — 'His friend, Kevin'

3 'How long ..... the journey ..... ?' — 'It took one month'

4 'How much ..... for?' — '£100.'

5 'Why ..... he decide ..... ?' — 'Because he loved the silliness of the idea.'

6 'Where ..... from?' — 'Cavan.'

7 'What ..... ?' — 'The Fridge Man.'

8 'Who ..... with?' — 'The king of Tory Island.'

### Listen and check.

**3. Correct the information. (First, make a negative sentence, then write the sentence with the correct information.)**

1) Tony met his friends on a Friday night.

*Tony didn't meet his friends on a Friday night.*

*He met them on a Saturday night..*

2) Tony drank too much beer.



3) He had six weeks to complete the bet.

4) The bet was for £1,000.

5) During his trip, Tony went skydiving.

**4. Answer the questions with short answers.**

1) 'Did he travel with a washing machine?' — 'No, he didn't.'

2) 'Did he travel round Scotland?' — '.....'

3) 'Did he meet lots of friendly people on his trip?' — '.....'

4) 'Did he get married?' — '.....'

5) 'Did he go surfing?' — '.....'

6) 'Did he lose the bet?' — '.....'

**Listen and check.**