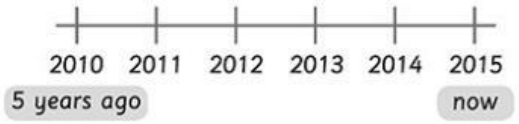
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Simple past tense ago • in





Bonnie went skiing **in** 2010.
= She went skiing five years ***ago***.

We use the **simple past tense** when we see these words: ago, in (2009), last (month)

Practice

Write sentences. Change the verbs into the simple past tense. Put in 'in' or 'ago'. Follow the example.



1 become / 1997 / a musician / Simon
Simon became a musician in 1997.

2 break / Mr So / 2000 / three world records
_____

3 Mr Hall / a Science book / write / six years
_____

4 to the UK / move / Uncle Jim and Aunt Ella / thirteen years
_____

5 2010 / enter / Cindy / a singing competition
_____

6 visit / The Lee family / Africa / ten years
_____

7 met / in Singapore / 2014 / Tina / her relatives
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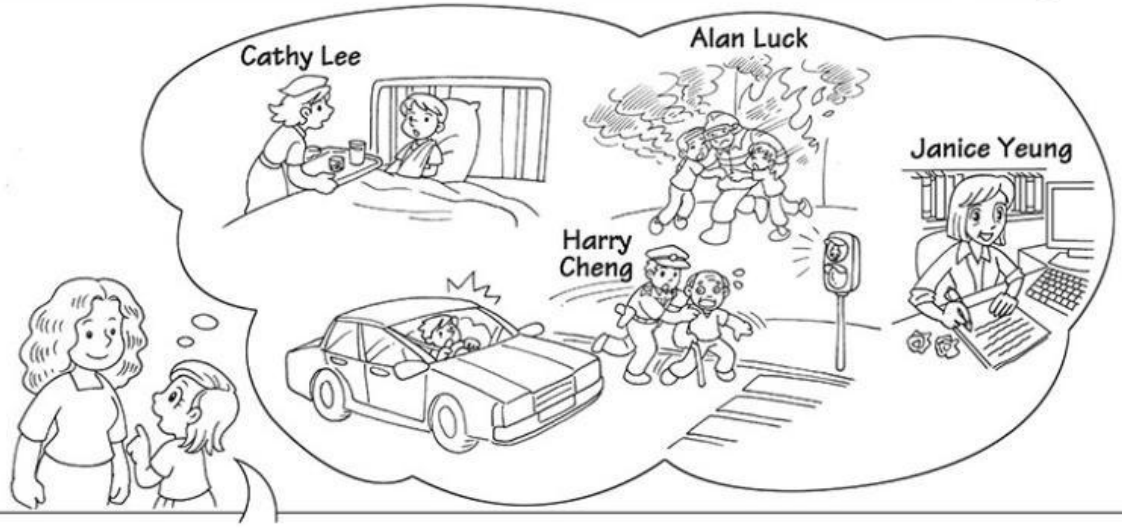
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Grammar in Context

Fiona is telling her mother about some people's jobs. Complete what she says using the present perfect tense or the simple past tense. You can use some words more than once.

save	become	write	be	come	catch	put



A nurse, a fireman, a policeman and a writer ❶ _____ to our school today.

The nurse Cathy Lee talked to us first. She ❷ _____ a nurse in 2003. She ❸ _____ a nurse for twelve years. She looks after sick people every day. She loves her job.

Alan Luck was next. He ❹ _____ a fireman fifteen years ago. He ❺ _____ out more than 200 fires since then! Last year he ❻ _____ 40 people from fires and floods. He's brave!

Then came the policeman Harry Cheng. He ❼ _____ a policeman in 1995. He ❽ _____ over 50 robbers since then! He also helps people in need. This morning, he ❾ _____ an old woman. He's a hero!

Finally the writer Janice Yeung talked to us. She loves reading and writing stories. She ❿ _____ a writer for thirty years. She ⓫ _____ over forty books and she ⓬ _____ her first book in 1985.

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