

Practice 5 – PAST SIMPLE

Practice 1: Complete the sentences using the following verbs in the correct form of the past simple.

buy catch cost fall hurt sell spend teach throw write

- 1 Mozart wrote more than 600 pieces of music.
- 2 'How did you learn to drive?' 'My father me.'
- 3 We couldn't afford to keep our car, so we it.
- 4 Dave down the stairs this morning and his leg.
- 5 Joe the ball to Sue, who it.
- 6 Kate a lot of money yesterday. She a dress which £100.

Practice 2: You ask James about his holiday in the US. Write the questions.

- 1 YOU: Where did you go ?
JAMES: To the US. We went on a trip from San Francisco to Denver.
- 2 YOU: How ? By car?
JAMES: Yes, we hired a car in San Francisco.
- 3 YOU: It's a long way to drive. How long ?
JAMES: Two weeks. We stopped at a lot of places along the way.
- 4 YOU: Where ? In hotels?
JAMES: Yes, small hotels or motels.
- 5 YOU: good?
JAMES: Yes, but it was very hot – sometimes too hot.
- 6 YOU: the Grand Canyon?
JAMES: Of course. It was wonderful.

Practice 3: Complete the sentences. Put the verb into the correct form of the past simple, positive or negative.

- 1 It was warm, so I took off my coat. (take)
- 2 The film wasn't very good. I didn't enjoy it much. (enjoy)
- 3 I knew Sarah was busy, so I her. (disturb)
- 4 We were very tired, so we the party early. (leave)
- 5 It was hard carrying the bags. They really heavy. (be)
- 6 The bed was very uncomfortable. I well. (sleep)
- 7 This watch wasn't expensive. It much. (cost)
- 8 The window was open and a bird into the room. (fly)
- 9 I was in a hurry, so I time to call you. (have)
- 10 I didn't like the hotel. The room very clean. (be)



Practice 4: Complete the sentences with *used to* + a suitable verb.

- Nicola used to travel a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- Sophie a motorbike, but last year she sold it and bought a car.
- Our friends moved to Spain a few years ago. They in Paris.
- Jackie my best friend, but we aren't friends any more.
- I rarely eat ice cream now, but I it when I was a child.
- It only takes me about 40 minutes to get to work now that the new road is open.
It more than an hour.
- There a hotel near the airport, but it closed a long time ago.
- I in a factory. It wasn't my favourite job.

Practice 5: Compare what Karen said ten years ago and what she says today.

| TEN YEARS AGO | | TODAY |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| I travel a lot. | I play the piano. | I haven't played the piano for a long time. |
| I'm very lazy. | I never drink tea. | I eat lots of cheese now. |
| I don't like cheese. | I have a dog. | My dog died two years ago. |
| | | I don't go away much these days. |
| | | I work very hard these days. |
| | | Tea's great! I like it now. |

Now write about how Karen has changed. Use **used to** / **didn't use to** / **never used to** in the first part of your sentence.

- She used to travel a lot, but she doesn't go away much these days.
- She used but
- but
- but
- but
- but

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