

PRACTICE

2A

- 1 Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs in the box. Use one in the past simple and the other in the past continuous.

not answer/drive meet/do you queue/get
rain/not go see/wait walk/start

- I _____ you this morning while I _____ for the bus.
- I _____ the dog when it _____ snowing.
- We first _____ at university. We _____ the same degree.
- Sorry I _____ the phone earlier. I _____.
- It _____ this morning, so we _____ for a walk.
- How long _____ before you _____ into the exhibition?

- 2 Complete the stories with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

While she ¹_____ (celebrate) her grandparents' golden wedding in Stafford, UK, ten-year-old Laura Buxton ²_____ (release) a balloon with a note attached. The note asked the person who found the balloon to write back. Ten days later she ³_____ (receive) a reply. The girl, who ⁴_____ (find) the balloon while she ⁵_____ (play) in her garden 140 miles away, was also called Laura Buxton and was ten years old.

A couple ⁶_____ (have) an argument in a restaurant when the woman ⁷_____ (throw) a drink over the man. A few seconds later she ⁸_____ (slip) on the drink and ⁹_____ (hurt) her back. She later ¹⁰_____ (receive) over \$100,000 in compensation because the restaurant ¹¹_____ (not / clean up) the liquid quickly enough. The manager said that the staff ¹²_____ (try) to stop the argument at the time.

2B

- 1 Rewrite the sentences with the correct form of *used to* so that they mean the same.

- I played the guitar when I was younger, but I don't play it now.
- We went skiing every year, but we hardly ever go these days.
- Did you play computer games when you were younger?
- I didn't like Chinese food in the past, but I love it now.
- There was a park here but now it's an office block.

- 2 Make sentences about the past using the prompts and *used to*. Then write three similar sentences of your own.

- there / be / more languages in the world .
- people / think / the world / flat .
- people / not / live so long .
- we /not / buy / so many things online .
- there / not / be so much pollution .
- life / be / much simpler .

2C

- 1 Choose the correct alternative.

- I was *too/so* tired to go out last night.
- It's not warm *too/enough* to swim.
- We don't have enough money *to/for* buy both of them.
- We were *so/too* cold that we put the heating on.
- It was *so/such* a lovely place that we decided to go back there next year.
- Your parents are *such/so* nice!
- There were so many people *that/to* we couldn't all sit down.
- I wanted to go, but I didn't have money *enough/enough money*.

- 2 Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets so that they mean the same.

- I'm too young to vote. (enough)
I'm _____ vote.
- It was such a boring film that I fell asleep. (so)
The film _____ asleep.
- The room isn't big enough to fit everyone. (too)
The room _____ everyone.
- The food was so cold that we couldn't eat it. (too)
The _____ eat.
- The traffic was so bad that it took us five hours to get there. (such)
It _____ to get there.
- It was too dark to see anything. (so)
It _____ see anything.

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