

PERIOD 2 Test 1
Grammar & Vocabulary

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in parentheses in the simple past or the past continuous.

Example: We drove (drive) to Denver last week.

- 1 It _____ (not snow) when I went to bed.
- 2 When _____ she _____ (pass) her driving test?
- 3 Silvana _____ (not come) to the movies with us last night.
- 4 What _____ you _____ (do) at six o'clock last night?
- 5 I _____ (not study) when you called.

2 Complete the sentences with *so*, *because*, *but*, or *although*.

Example: Although it was late, we weren't tired.

- 1 Andre doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.
- 2 _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.
- 3 Miguel doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.
- 4 It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.
- 5 They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
- 6 I invited Humberto to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: She didn't take many photos when she went to Italy.

do have take

- 1 You need a passport if you want to go _____.
by plane on vacation abroad
- 2 The food at the restaurant was _____.
comfortable delicious crowded
- 3 The weather was great. It was _____ every day.
foggy cloudy sunny
- 4 Julia and Esteban _____ their flights online.
booked hired rented
- 5 I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on vacation.
buy go spend

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4 Complete the sentences with *at*, *in*, or *on*.

Example: We got married on May 7th.

- 1 What did you do _____ the weekend?
- 2 There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
- 3 They played basketball _____ the morning.
- 4 Steve was born _____ Idaho.
- 5 They sat _____ the balcony.

READING

1 Read the article and check (✓) A, B, or C.

The perfect picture

Last fall I was helping my sister find a photographer for her wedding. I was looking at wedding photographs online when I saw my first sakura picture. Sakura, or cherry blossoms, are light pink flowers that bloom in the spring on cherry trees. The flowers are very beautiful and very popular in wedding photos in Japan. In fact, the sakura flowers are very popular with everyone in Japan.

After my sister's wedding, I needed a relaxing vacation. I decided to visit Tokyo and see the cherry blossoms. I booked a week in a hotel at the end of April. I bought a new camera and looked online for the best places to see the trees. I arrived safely and checked into a clean, comfortable hotel. I slept well and got ready for my first day of sakura photography.

Then the problems started. Even though it was morning when I arrived at Inokashira Park, it was already very busy. Large families were having picnics. Couples were on dates. I couldn't get near the trees. My pictures were a disaster. At the end of the day, I went back to my hotel feeling pretty sad. But when I was looking at my photos that evening, I found one picture of a little boy looking at the flowers. He was laughing. It was a great picture.

The next day I returned to Inokashira Park, but this time I only took pictures of people. I spoke to people who I thought looked interesting – people with colorful hats, or unusual hair, or nice faces – and I asked to take their picture with the flowers. I had fun and I met lots of friendly people. Now when I look at my sakura pictures, I remember the cherry blossoms, but I also remember the stories.

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Reading & Listening

Example: The writer has a small garden.

A True B False C Doesn't say

1 The writer helped his sister with her birthday party.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2 Cherry blossom flowers bloom in the spring.

A True B False C Doesn't say

3 Everyone in Japan has cherry blossom parties.

A True B False C Doesn't say

4 The writer wanted a busy, noisy vacation.

A True B False C Doesn't say

5 The writer stayed in Tokyo for two weeks.

A True B False C Doesn't say

6 Inokashira Park was crowded.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7 The writer couldn't find the river.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8 The writer was not happy with his pictures on the first day.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9 On the second day, the writer went to a new place.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10 The writer met many friendly people.

A True B False C Doesn't say

LISTENING

1 Listen to Laura and Hector talking about vacations. Match the sentences to the speaker. Write *L* (for Laura) or *H* (for Hector).

- 1 "I like to take hundreds of photos." ____
- 2 "I prefer city vacations." ____
- 3 "I usually rent an apartment." ____
- 4 "I love to go on vacation with my family." ____
- 5 "My last vacation was fantastic." ____

2 Listen to five conversations. What is the problem in each conversation? Match the conversations with the situations (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

- Conversation 1
- Conversation 2
- Conversation 3
- Conversation 4
- Conversation 5

- A a lost phone
- B an illness
- C a missed flight
- D a broken camera
- E a lost passport
- F a missed train
- G terrible weather