

7C GRAMMAR simple past: irregular verbs

a Complete the blog with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.



A MEMORABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE



This happened to me a couple of years ago. Some college friends and I wanted to celebrate New Year's Eve at the famous street party in Chicago. We ¹knew (know) it ²_____ (be) difficult to get tickets for the party, but we ³_____ (be) really lucky and ⁴_____ (buy) some online six months before. On 31st December, we ⁵_____ (get) a fast train from Madison, Wisconsin.

We arrived in Chicago at 6:00 p.m. and walked from the station to our hotel. We relaxed, ⁶_____ (have) dinner, and then ⁷_____ (get) ready to go out. We ⁸_____ (wear) warm clothes, because it ⁹_____ (be) really cold. We ¹⁰_____ (get) downtown at about 9:30 p.m. It ¹¹_____ (be) wet and quite windy. We ¹²_____ (go) into the first warm cafe we ¹³_____ (find) and ¹⁴_____ (drink) some coffee. At about 10:30 p.m., we ¹⁵_____ (put on) our warm coats again and ¹⁶_____ (go) back outside. The streets ¹⁷_____ (be) nearly empty! Some people ¹⁸_____ (say) "The street party is canceled because of the terrible weather." We ¹⁹_____ (not can) believe it! The weather ²⁰_____ (not be) good, but it ²¹_____ (feel) like a normal winter night in Chicago.

In the end, we ²²_____ (get) a taxi back to our hotel and ²³_____ (spend) midnight in our rooms! We ²⁴_____ (not have) a very happy New Year's Eve!



b Complete these questions about the blog.

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| 1 Where <u>did they buy</u> tickets for the party? | They bought tickets for the party online. |
| 2 Why _____ warm clothes? | Because it was really cold. |
| 3 What time _____ downtown? | They got there at about 9:30 p.m. |
| 4 What _____ the weather like? | It was wet and quite windy. |
| 5 What _____ in the cafe? | They drank some coffee. |
| 6 What _____ at 10:30 p.m.? | They put on their coats and went outside. |
| 7 What _____ to them? | They said "The street party is canceled." |
| 8 _____ a bus back to their hotel? | No, they didn't. They got a taxi. |
| 9 Where _____ midnight? | They spent midnight in their rooms. |
| 10 _____ a good time? | No, they didn't. |

ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Cover the answers. Take turns answering the questions. Then cover the questions and take turns making the questions from the answers.



7B GRAMMAR simple past: regular verbs

Complete the conversations in the past tense. Use the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Annie ¹ Did you study French in college? (study)
 Beth No, I ² _____ French; I ³ _____ Italian. I ⁴ _____ in Rome for six months in my junior year. (not study, study, live)
 Annie Where ⁵ _____ you _____ in Rome? (live)
 Beth Near the Forum. I ⁶ _____ a house with some Italian students. (rent)
 Annie ⁷ _____ you _____ in Italian all the time? (talk)
 Beth Not always, because they ⁸ _____ to practice their English. But I ⁹ _____ to cook great pasta! (want, learn)



- 2 Alan ¹⁰ _____ you _____ Brazil? (like)
 Ben We ¹¹ _____ it! We ¹² _____ to come home. (love, not want)
 Alan ¹³ _____ you _____ around the country? (travel)
 Ben We ¹⁴ _____ much, because we were only there for two weeks. (not travel)
 Alan ¹⁵ _____ you _____ in hotels? (stay)
 Ben No, we ¹⁶ _____ with Brazilian friends. (stay)



- 3 Dave ¹⁷ _____ you _____ the game? The Warriors and the Cavaliers? (watch)
 Carl No, I ¹⁸ _____.
 Dave Why not?
 Carl I ¹⁹ _____ late last night. I ²⁰ _____ until 7:00. (work, not finish)
 Dave But the game ²¹ _____ at 7:45. (start)
 Carl Yeah, but I ²² _____ my train. I ²³ _____ home until 9:30. (miss, not arrive)
 Dave What a shame! It was a great game.



- 4 Sam I ²⁴ _____ you three times last night, but you ²⁵ _____. (call, not answer)
 Lucy Sorry. I was at the movies with my sister.
 Sam And I ²⁶ _____ you, too. Why ²⁷ _____ you _____ me back? (text, not text)
 Lucy Because I was angry.
 Sam Angry? Why?
 Lucy Because you ²⁸ _____ to me at the party last week. You ²⁹ _____ with Eva for about an hour. (not talk, chat)
 Sam I ³⁰ _____ with Eva for an hour! She had a problem, and she just ³¹ _____ to tell me about it. (not chat, want)
 Lucy A problem? Is that why you ³² _____ with her for 20 minutes? (dance)



ACTIVATION

Practice the conversations with a partner.