

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.

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 ¹Did 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.