## 2 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

**a** Write the past simple form of these verbs. Are they regular or irregular? Check in Stuart's story.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| go | _____ | get | _____ |
| climb | _____ | want | _____ |
| be | _____ / _____ | think | _____ |
| | | decide | _____ |
| take | _____ | say | _____ |
| have | _____ | spend | _____ |
| can | _____ | start | _____ |
| sit | _____ | feel | _____ |

**b** Complete the negative verbs. Then check in Stuart's story.

1 It _____ really a climb, but it was a long walk.
2 I wanted to take another photo, but I _____ find my phone.
3 I _____ want to leave my phone up there.

**c** How do you make ⊟ and ? in the past simple...?

- with *was / were*
- with *could*
- with other verbs

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| | regular | irregular 2.2 |
|---|---|---|
| + | We **stayed** at a hotel last summer. | I **went** to Turkey twice last year. |
| − | He **didn't stay** with friends. | She **didn't go** to France. |
| ? | **Did** you **stay** for the weekend? | **Did** you **go** to Madrid? |
| ✓ ✗ | Yes, I **did**. | No, we **didn't**. |
| Wh ? | Where **did** you **stay**? | Why **did** you **go**? |

- We use the past simple to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past.
- The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.
- To make the past simple + of regular verbs add *-ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart.
- Many common verbs are irregular in + past simple, e.g. *go* → **went**, *see* → **saw**. See **Irregular verbs** p.164.
- We use *didn't* + infinitive for negatives and *Did…* + subject + infinitive for questions.
- Use **ASI** and **QuASI** to remember word order in questions. See **1A** p.126.

**spelling rules for regular verbs**

| infinitive | past | spelling |
|---|---|---|
| work<br>stay | worked<br>stayed | add *-ed* |
| like | liked | add *d* if verb finishes in *e* |
| study | studied | *y* → *ied* after a consonant |
| stop | stopped | if verb finishes in consonant–vowel–consonant, double the final consonant |

# 2A

## a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we *had* (have) a holiday in Scotland. We [1]_____ (drive) there from London, but our car [2]_____ (break) down on the motorway and we [3]_____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we [4]_____ (get) to Edinburgh we [5]_____ (go) to our hotel, but they [6]_____ (not can) find our reservation, and they [7]_____ (be) full. We [8]_____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we [9]_____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we [10]_____ (stay) there for the week. We [11]_____ (see) the castle and [12]_____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We [13]_____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we [14]_____ (not have) much time and it [15]_____ (be) quite far away. The weather [16]_____ (not be) very good – it [17]_____ (start) raining on the day we [18]_____ (leave) London, and it never [19]_____ (stop)!

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**b** Complete the questions in the past simple.

*Where did you go* on holiday last year?
We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?
Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?
I went with my family.

3 _____?
We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane tickets _____?
They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?
It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?
We usually went out for dinner.

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