

**3 GRAMMAR** Past simple: negative

a Complete the sentences from Ingrid's blog.

- 1 We _____ go very far at all.
- 2 We didn't _____ to take anything that we didn't _____.

b Look at the sentences in 3a and complete the rule.

To make the past simple negative, we use:

_____ + the infinitive

MY DREAM JOURNEY ON THE SILK ROAD INGRID LEIDENROTH

This was my dream holiday!! It wasn't a fast way to travel, but there was a lot to see and a lot of time to think! Before we left, we packed our bags very carefully because we didn't want to take anything that we didn't need (too heavy!). Some days we travelled about 80 kilometres, but other days – when we were tired – we didn't go very far at all. And sometimes, when we were very tired, we didn't want to cycle and we got lifts on trucks. We didn't plan our trip very carefully, and we often changed our plans. We slept in tents next to the road and watched the stars for hours. The best thing about travelling this way is that you can meet the people who live there. They were interested in us and wanted to find out about our trip. We even saw inside a traditional home – a yurt – and had dinner with the family!

4 LISTENING

a You can also travel along the Silk Road by bus or train. Which would you prefer to do?

b 273 Klara talks to her friend Hans about the Silk Road. How did Hans travel?

c 273 Listen again and underline the correct answers.

- 1 Country started in: Turkey / Russia / China
- 2 Cities visited: Samarkand / Tashkent / Kabul / Almaty
- 3 Change trains: yes / no
- 4 Price: \$2,500 / \$25,000

d 273 Listen again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Hans thinks the train is the best way to travel on the Silk Road.
- 2 He liked visiting the cities in Central Asia.
- 3 He didn't like the train very much.
- 4 He didn't think the trip was too expensive.

5 GRAMMAR Past simple: questions

a 274 Complete these questions from Klara and Hans' conversation. Listen and check.

- 1 How _____ you travel?
- 2 Where _____ you catch the train from?
- 3 _____ you go through Central Asia?

b Look at the questions in 5a and complete the rule.

To make questions in the past simple, we use:

_____ + subject + infinitive

c 274 Pronunciation Listen to the questions in 5a again. Notice the pronunciation of *did you* in each question. Can you hear both words clearly?

e 276 Klara went on the Silk Road and told another friend about her journey. Complete their conversation using the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.

PAUL How ¹_____ (be) your journey along the Silk Road?

KLARA It ²_____ (be) amazing – incredible!

PAUL How ³_____ you ⁴_____ (travel)?

KLARA We ⁴_____ (cycle), but sometimes we ⁵_____ (take) trains or ⁶_____ (travel) by coach.

PAUL How many countries ⁷_____ you ⁸_____ (visit)?

KLARA Most countries in Central Asia, but we ⁸_____ (not go) to Tajikistan.

PAUL What ⁹_____ you ¹⁰_____ (enjoy) most?

KLARA Meeting the people – they ¹⁰_____ (be) so friendly.