1 Write the past simple forms of the regular verbs in brackets to complete these sentences.

1. I _____ (study) all night yesterday.
2. We _____ (play) poker after dinner.
3. After escaping from prison, he _____ (rob) a bank.
4. He _____ (start) playing chess at the age of 7.
5. We _____ (arrive) home very late.
6. We _____ (visit) the Louvre while we were in Paris.
7. He _____ (try) to escape.
8. I _____ (stop) smoking when I was 30.
9. When I was a child, I _____ (hate) fish.
10. We really _____ (enjoy) the concert.

2 Write the past simple forms of the irregular verbs in brackets to complete these sentences.

1. I _____ (find) my true love when I was 50.
2. We _____ (buy) this sofa in the shop at the end of the street.
3. We never _____ (wear) uniforms in school.
4. I _____ (forget) to tell you something important.
5. I _____ (see) Peter at the theater last week.
6. After the meeting, I _____ (speak) with my boss.
7. Yesterday I _____ (drive) to work.
8. She _____ (run) her first marathon when she was 18.
9. I _____ (make) a lot of mistakes during the match.
10. Somebody _____ (eat) my biscuits without telling me.

3 Complete the text with these verbs in past simple.

arrive – ~~ask~~ – fly – go – pay – say – stop – take – tell – think – want

Two summers ago, we 1 _____ on a trip to New York. We 2 _____ from Manchester to John F. Kennedy International Airport. The journey was long, but we were very excited; we are from a little village and we really 3 _____ to visit a megacity like New York. When we 4 _____ at our destination, we 5 _____ a taxi to our hotel in Manhattan. The taxi driver was very nice and 6 _____ us lots of things about New York and Manhattan.

"How much is it?" I asked the taxi driver when he 7 _____ his car in front of the hotel. When he 8 _____ that it was 95 dollars, I 9 _____ that it wasn't possible, but it was! For the first –and I hope the last– time in my life, I 10 _____ 95 dollars for a taxi. I guess that's one of the problems of big cities, they are really expensive.

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