04 HOLIDAYS

GRAMMAR The past simple

A Complete the table with the correct verb tenses.

Infinitive	Past simple
be	[1] *was / were*
have	[2] .....
do	[3] .....
[4]	went
come	[5] .....
[6]	saw
[7]	showed
[8]	played
read	[9] .....
need	[10] .....

B Tick (✓) the irregular verbs in the table in exercise A.

C Complete the sentences using the past simple forms of the verbs in exercise A.

1 I *had* a good weekend.
2 They ..... The Killers on Saturday night.
3 He ..... *War and Peace*.
4 My parents ..... to my house for lunch.
5 She ..... her homework.
6 We ..... football in the park.

D Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

We [1] *spent* (spend) the weekend in York with some friends in their new house. It [2] ..... (be) really fun. Their house is in a great area, and there [3] ..... (be) lots of things to do. On Friday night, we [4] ..... (stay) in and [5] ..... (watch) a film on TV. On Saturday, we [6] ..... (go) to a market near their house, and I [7] ..... (buy) a new jacket. On Saturday night, they [8] ..... (take) us to their favourite Chinese restaurant. On Sunday, our friends [9] ..... (cook) lunch for us. It was a perfect weekend!

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS *That sounds ...*

A Read the conversations and match each one to a photo.

1 Lee: So, how was New York?
Aisyha: Great! We stayed in the Waverley Hotel.
Lee: That sounds **nice / bad**.
Aisyha: Yes, it was very comfortable.

a)



2 Ben: Do you want to come to the park with me tomorrow? There's a free concert with Kasabian.
Hassan: That sounds **interesting / bad**. I really like them. What time is it?
Ben: I think it starts at two o'clock.

b)



3 Phil: How was your weekend?
Gudrun: Andreas was ill. He stayed in bed all weekend.
Phil: That sounds (c) **great / bad**. Is he OK now?
Gudrun: He's fine. It was only a cold.

c)



Conversation 1 photo [ ]
Conversation 2 photo [ ]
Conversation 3 photo [ ]

B Read the conversations again and circle the correct adjective in bold.

C 4.1 Listen and check.

PRONUNCIATION Past simple forms

A 4.2 Listen to the pronunciation of the past tense *-ed* ending of regular verbs.

/t/ walked /d/ played /ɪd/ visited

B 4.3 Listen to the past tense verbs and put them in the correct column in the table.

cooked	wanted	chatted	showed	liked
rained	needed	tried	relaxed	

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
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LIVEWORKSHEETS



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READING

A Where would you see this text?

1 On a website.
2 In a newspaper.
3 In a magazine.

Travel Advisor Hotel Reviews

ACCOMMODATION | FLIGHTS | REVIEWS | ACTIVITIES



1 Not for everyone

I just got back from the Aloha Hula hotel with my wife and grandchildren. It's a nice place and the weather was good, but it wasn't a very good hotel for families. The food was nice and the rooms were clean, but some **guests** were too **noisy**. We told the staff, but they weren't very interested or friendly. Bad staff and bad **service**. Don't go there! *Hiro Tanaka, Nagoya, Japan.*

STAR RATING ✶

2 Two weeks wasn't enough

We spent two weeks at the Aloha Hula hotel. We had a great time and the hotel was fantastic. It was cheap and clean with really nice **staff**. Two weeks wasn't enough – we wanted to stay longer. The Hawaiian people were really friendly and the food was delicious. It rained for one week, but we still enjoyed a relaxing holiday. *Elisa T, Bari, Italy.*

STAR RATING ✶ ✶ ✶ ✶

3 Surfing USA!

I spent four weeks in Maui and loved it. The beaches were clean, the sea was warm, the surfing was so good and … it was very sunny! Our hotel (the Aloha Hula) wasn't fantastic, but it was okay. The staff were friendly, but the rooms were dirty and the food wasn't great. I had lunch in the restaurant and was ill. I spent the day in bed. *Manny W, Hamburg, Germany.*

STAR RATING ✶ ✶

Glossary

guest: someone staying in a hotel
noisy: making a lot of noise, loud, not quiet
staff: the people who work in a place (for example, in a hotel)
service: the help guests in a hotel get from the staff
delicious: that tastes really good

B Read the reviews again and put a ✓ or a ✗ under each holiday.

	Review 1	Review 2	Review 3
The weather was good	✓	✗	✓
Maui was nice			
The food was good			
The rooms were clean			
The staff were friendly			

C Cross out the incorrect information.

1 Hiro went to Hawaii *alone / with his family*.
2 Hiro thought his hotel was *good / bad* for families.
3 Elisa had a *good / bad* holiday.
4 Elisa was *happy / unhappy* when her holiday ended.
5 Manny *liked / didn't like* the sea and the beaches in Maui.
6 Manny spent a *day / week* in bed.

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