

2A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

Complete the conversations with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1

A Is this your first time in the UK, Anna?

B No, I ¹had (have) a holiday in Scotland last year.

A Really? I love Scotland! Where ²_____ you _____ (stay)?

B We ³_____ (stay) in Edinburgh. We ⁴_____ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we ⁵_____ (arrive) we ⁶_____ (not like) it. So we ⁷_____ (leave) that hotel and ⁸_____ (rent) an apartment. It was great! What about you? When ⁹_____ (be) you in Scotland?

A Oh, a long time ago. I ¹⁰_____ (start) a university course there. I ¹¹_____ (not finish) the course, but I ¹²_____ (love) Scotland!



2

A Hi, Oliver. Welcome home! How ¹³_____ (be) your flight?

B Hi, Mum. It ¹⁴_____ (not be) bad. I ¹⁵_____ (not sleep) much, but I ¹⁶_____ (watch) some good films.

A And ¹⁷_____ you _____ (like) New Zealand?

B Yes! It ¹⁸_____ (be) fantastic. I ¹⁹_____ (have) a great time. It's a really beautiful country and I ²⁰_____ (meet) some amazing people. I ²¹_____ (not want) to come home!

A ²²_____ you _____ (take) many photos?

B Yes, I ²³_____ (take) a lot. I can show you when we get home.



3

A Ruth! You're back! ²⁴_____ you _____ (have) a good holiday?

B No. It ²⁵_____ (be) awful.

A Why? What happened?

B We ²⁶_____ (stay) in a horrible apartment, and Tom ²⁷_____ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we ²⁸_____ (not go) out much in the evening.

A What ²⁹_____ you _____ (do) during the day?

³⁰_____ you _____ (go) sightseeing?

B Yes, we ³¹_____ (visit) all the famous places. But we ³²_____ (argue) a lot. Tom ³³_____ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I ³⁴_____ (not buy) anything.



ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the conversations and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, Oliver, and Ruth and Tom.

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



1 I was sleeping when you sent me the message. (sleep, send)

2 Susan around Italy when she her boyfriend. (travel, meet)

3 We some old photos when we the house. (find, clean)

4 They for the bus when they the accident. (wait, see)

5 It to rain when they to school. (start, cycle)

6 A dog into the road when I home. (run, drive)

b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I ¹was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I ² (wake up) early, and it ³ (be) a beautiful day. The sun ⁴ (shine), and I ⁵ (feel) really happy. I ⁶ (not need) to go to work that day, so I ⁷ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends ⁸ (work) and my girlfriend ⁹ (visit) her parents, so I ¹⁰ (go) to the beach alone. When I ¹¹ (arrive), the beach ¹² (be) already crowded. A lot of people ¹³ (sunbathe), children ¹⁴ (play) games and people ¹⁵ (swim) in the sea. Everyone ¹⁶ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I ¹⁷ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I ¹⁸ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man ¹⁹ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I ²⁰ (not can) see anything, but then I ²¹ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it ²² (not attack) anyone and ²³ (swim) away quickly. I ²⁴ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I ²⁵ (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the sentences in a and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.

2C GRAMMAR time sequencers and connectors

a Match the sentence halves and **circle** the correct word: **so**, **but**, **because**, or **although**.

1 The weather was awful,	<input type="checkbox"/> g	a so / but I invited her to dinner.
2 I didn't give him my phone number	<input type="checkbox"/>	b because / although it had a happy ending.
3 Paul came to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	c but / so we couldn't find the house.
4 It was her birthday,	<input type="checkbox"/>	d because / although I didn't want him to call me.
5 Jake is an intelligent student,	<input type="checkbox"/>	e although / because he was ill.
6 I ran to the shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	f so / but we had a wonderful evening.
7 They didn't want to dance,	<input type="checkbox"/>	g but / so we didn't go out.
8 We didn't go anywhere special,	<input type="checkbox"/>	h although / because I was in a hurry.
9 It was a sad story	<input type="checkbox"/>	i because / but he's very lazy.
10 We drove along the street very slowly,	<input type="checkbox"/> h	j so / because they left the club early.

b Complete the story with the time sequencers and connectors from the list.

although (x2) because (x3) but (x2) the next day one evening so (x3) suddenly two minutes later when

Don't always listen to the satnav...

Oscar Peters never wanted a satnav ¹because he didn't like technology. And ² _____ his brother gave him one as a birthday present, it directed him into a difficult situation.

'My brother Jez loves gadgets and technology. Last year, he gave me a satnav for my birthday, ³ _____ he knew I didn't really want one. Jez uses his satnav all the time ⁴ _____ he likes listening to instructions, ⁵ _____ I prefer using a map.

⁶ _____, a friend of a friend phoned. She needed my help, ⁷ _____ I agreed to drive to her house. ⁸ _____ I had a map in the car, I decided to use the satnav to find her village. It was dark, and I wanted to get there as quickly as possible.

Everything was going fine. I was nearly there, but then ⁹ _____ I saw there was a small river



on the left. I could see that there was a road which went through the water to the other side of the river. The satnav said 'Turn left!', ¹⁰ _____ I followed the instruction and turned left into the water. The satnav said 'Go straight on!', but ¹¹ _____ my car was completely stuck in the mud. I had my phone with me, ¹² _____ I phoned my friend and she came to the river to help. I felt terrible ¹³ _____ she got very cold and wet in the water.

¹⁴ _____ a tractor pulled my car out of the river, ¹⁵ _____ it was completely ruined by the water. I can't believe I made such a stupid – and expensive – mistake!

ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

Although Jack was very good looking, ...
The party was really boring, so...
I enjoyed the film, but...

We decided to eat out because...
Louisa met her husband when...
I was watching TV when suddenly...