

Grammar

Past simple

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Sebastian _____ (go) to visit his family in Hong Kong.
- 2 We _____ (decide) to visit the nature park and not the zoo.
- 3 Ruth _____ (try) to help her sister with her homework.
- 4 They _____ (show) us around their beautiful new home.
- 5 Hugo _____ (feel) really tired and went home early.
- 6 We _____ (talk) about which present to buy Carly.
- 7 They _____ (go) to Cape Town this morning.
- 8 Phil and Ben _____ (be) happy to help me fix my car.
- 9 Robin _____ (watch) the football match with his friends.
- 10 I _____ (be) surprised to see some new students in the class.

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 Hilda *walk*/*walked* to the swimming pool with her daughter.
- 2 James *crying*/*cried* at the end of the film because it was very sad.
- 3 We *was*/*were* really cold on the train because there was no heating.
- 4 Before I *had*/*have* a baby, I had more time to read books.
- 5 The waiter *write*/*wrote* down the order in his notebook.
- 6 Rachel *flying*/*flew* to Japan yesterday.
- 7 I *see*/*saw* my old teacher in town on Saturday.
- 8 Georgia *was*/*were* very lucky to get the job.

5 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

arrive be (x2) decide feel fly look show talk try
visit watch

In my job I don't get many holidays. I'm always too busy with work! So this year, I ¹_____ to take a holiday in the sun with my family. We ²_____ very excited and ³_____ at the airport early. We had to check in for the flight and hand in our luggage. As we queued, we ⁴_____ about all the things we wanted to do on holiday. When it was our turn to check in, I ⁵_____ at the tickets. I realised that I had booked the wrong holiday. Our tickets were for two weeks' holiday in Manchester, not Morocco! We ⁶_____ to change the tickets, but it wasn't possible. I ⁷_____ my hotel booking to the travel company, but they couldn't change it. We were so angry! In the end, we ⁸_____ to Manchester. The holiday ⁹_____ a lot of fun. I ¹⁰_____ relaxed and happy. We ¹¹_____ films and ¹²_____ great museums. We were surprised to have such a good holiday so close to home!

