

PAST SIMPLE: REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS

PART 1

Complete the text "Akane's vacation" with Past Simple: Regular and Irregular verbs form using verbs in parentheses.

Akane's Vacation

Last year, I 1) _____ (go) to Portugal just after Christmas. And I 2) _____ (stay) there until... well, just after New Year's this year. In Portugal, I 3) _____ (meet) up with one of my friends from Toronto. He 4) _____ (have) family that 5) _____ (live) in Portugal, because his family 6) _____ (be) originally from Portugal.

So, they **were** kind enough to let me stay with them. I didn't know any Portuguese, except for some simple words like "hello", and "thank you". I 7) _____ (learn) some simple words through an audio CD, before I 8) _____ (go) there. And the people that I 9) _____ (stay) with didn't know very much English either. However, we 10) _____ (get) along surprisingly well.

They 11) _____ (be) surprised that I 12) _____ (be) able to eat some of their exotic foods. They 13) _____ (make) some delicious meals every single day, like octopus, tripe and rabbit. It is quite exotic, but I 14) _____ (think) it was quite good. They also 15) _____ (prepare) some excellent desserts, like crème caramel, and a rich sponge cake that they call Paon d'lo. So, during this amazing vacation I 15) _____ (spend) spent much money but I 16) _____ (share) shared with them.

What were you doing?

Listen to the audio and complete the blank spaces using past continuous.



Hey, look who's here! Sis! What a surprise! Hey, I didn't expect to see you here! Please join me!

How was your day, Julia? Oh, I had an awful day.

It seemed to be a such lovely day at the beginning. I 1. _____ (sit) on the balcony, drinking a cup of coffee.

The sun 2. _____ (shine), someone 3. _____ (play) a violin in the street and I 4. _____ (enjoy) a beautiful afternoon.

I 5. _____ (feel) hungry, so I decided to make spaghetti. But I realized that I didn't have any tomato sauce. So, I went to the grocery store to buy some. After buying a few items, I finally found the tomato sauce. I 6. _____ (read) the label, when the jar just slipped out of my hands and fell down. There was glass and red sauce all over the floor and splattered all over my shoes.

I looked around and noticed that everyone 7. _____ (stare) at me. People 8. _____ (smile) and whispering to each other. Soon I noticed that I 9. _____ (leave) a trail of red footprints through the store. I found a grocery store worker and let him know what I had just done. I offered to help clean it up, but he declined.

I was so embarrassed that I 10. _____ (be) even _____ (look) where I 11. _____ (go) ... and I knocked over a display of chips. I 12. _____ (be) just _____ (stand) there in shock.

A manager 12. _____ by (walk) by me that very moment and noticed the mess I had made. I 13. _____ (expect) her to be angry, but she wasn't. She said they would take care of everything. She 14. _____ (be+not). Maybe she 15. _____ (think) how clumsy I was.

PAST CONTINUOUS VS SIMPLE PAST

PART 3

A traffic accident.

Complete the conversation with the past continuous or the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Reporter: What was the cause of the accident, Officer?

Officer: Well, it looks like there were many causes. First of all, when the accident _____ **1-(happen)**, the driver _____ **2-(drive)** much too fast. The driver is a suspect in a burglary, and she _____ **3- (leave)** town. While she _____ **4- (drive)**, she _____ **5-(speak)** to someone on her cellphone. When she _____ **6-(see)** the pedestrian, she immediately _____ **7-(step)** on the brakes, but it was too late. The victim wasn't paying attention, either. He _____ **8-(cross)** the street against a red light when the car _____ **9-(hit)** him. He _____ **10-(not see)** the approaching car because he _____ **11-(talk)** to his friend.

Comparatives and superlatives

PART 4

Choose the correct to complete each statement in the conversation.

Oliver: So, where do you get 1- _____ pizza in London?

- a) best
- b) the best
- c) more better

Alfie: No doubt about it, it has to be Pietro's.

Daisy: No way! The pizzas in La Bella Napoli, just around the corner, are so much

2- _____ ... and they've got more variety ... and 3- _____ waiters!

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| a) tastier | a) more friendliest |
| b) more tastier | b) than friendliest |

c) than tastier

c) the friendliest

Oliver: Yeah, I think she's right, Alfie; much 4- _____ quality. It's not

a) the better

b) better

c) than best

5- _____ though, but they're so good!

a) the cheapest

b) than cheapest

c) cheap than

Alfie: All right then, yeah, La Bella Napoli is 6- _____ Pietro's. The

a) than near

b) nearer than

c) more near

cheese isn't as good though, and for me it's all in the cheese!

Daisy: You could have pasta?

Alfie: Pasta in La Bella Napoli? They do 7- _____ pasta I've ever tasted.

a) the most disgusting

b) than disgusting

c) more disgusting

Daisy: All right!

Daisy: Hi, Mum. How's Rome?

Sophie: Hello, love, yes, all's well, thanks. What are you doing?

Daisy: I'm with Oliver and Alfie. We're going to have a pizza. I'll put you on speaker phone.

Sophie: That's a coincidence! I've just eaten 8- _____ pizza ever.

a) more disgusting

b) the most amazing

c) than most disgusting

Daisy: Sounds good!

Oliver: Was the base good, Mum?

Sophie: Oh yes, 9- _____ base ever, really delicious.

a) than more crispy

b) than crispiest

c) the crispiest

Alfie: I wish you could send it over here, Mrs G!

Sophie: I'll save you a slice, Alfie! So, where are you all going to eat?

Oliver: La Bella Napoli.

Sophie: Oh yes, they're not bad. They use 10-_____ cheese though. For me,

- a) the bad
- b) the worst
- c) the badest

it's all in the cheese!

Alfie: That's just what I said, Mrs G!



PART 5

Hi, this is Todd, and today I'm going to talk about one of my favorite places. It's a park and it's called Park for 21st Century and it's right by my house.

Now one thing I love about this park is it's ideal for running. It has a dirt track that goes around the park, and because the track is dirt it's really soft on your knees, so you can jog for a long time and your legs don't get tired or they don't feel any pain, so I really enjoy the dirt path.

Another nice thing about the park, is that it has wide-open grassy areas that are great for sports, so in the middle it has these grassy fields, and you can play soccer or baseball or maybe badminton. You often see children running around on the weekends and that's really nice. I don't like it when parks ban sports, they don't allow people to play sports in the middle. I never think that's a good idea.

The park is also really educational. It has a garden in the middle, and when I say garden, I don't mean the type of garden that has flowers. It has a garden that actually grows food, so they grow onions and lettuce and tomatoes and things like that and they get local school kids to come in and tend to the gardens and they use it for educational projects, and then they also have senior citizens that live in the area that come and help the kids grow the produce.

Another educational tool they have is there's a lake in the middle, and I think they use the lake for many things, but one of the things they use it for is to generate fog. The lake has some type of machine that when they turn it on it actually creates fog.

and it looks like a big cloud just sits over the entire lake, so that's always pretty cool. They don't turn it on too often but when they do it's pretty impressive to see.

The best thing about the park though is that it has these old thatched houses that are recreations of how people lived hundreds of years ago. So, in this forested area up on a hill by the park, they have these old homes or just ancient dwellings that people used to live in hundreds of years ago, and if you go up there, there is a guide, and the guide will tell you about the history of the native people that lived in the area hundreds of years ago and what they ate and so forth.

Lastly, one thing you can do at the park is you can go and you can have a picnic. They have picnic benches all around the park and you can bring your family or your friends and bring some food. As far as I know, you can't cook in the park. I've never seen a barbecue pit, but I do see lots of people there on the weekend having food with their family, so that's kind of nice.

And lastly if you just want to come and relax, one beautiful thing they have at the park is they have an actual flower garden, with flowers, many types of flowers of all types of colors and they put seated benches that you can sit on and maybe read a book in the middle of the flowers, and that's always a really nice way to relax.

And that's it. That's my favorite place. It's called park for the 21st Century. What about you and where you live? Do you have a park? Where do you like to go?

Answer the following questions about the reading "The Park".

1) The park is good for running because ____ .

- a) there are lots of inclines
- b) there is a senior's club
- c) the trails are soft to run on

2) Todd likes to run in this place because_____

- a) Legs don't get tired.
- b) It's really not soft on your knees.
- c) They feel a lot of pain.

3) This park has a wide-open grassy areas great to play spots like_____

- a) Basketball and badminton
- b) Baseball and soccer
- c) Badminton and golf

4) This part also is educational. It has a garden in the middle. Who uses it for educational projects_____

- a)senior citizens
- b)local school kids

parents of local kids

5) What products grow in this garden?

- a) Flowers and strawberries.
- b) onions and tomatoes
- c) bananas and flowers

6) Who helps farm the garden?

- a) local farmers
- b) elderly people
- c) parents of local kids

2) The word 'tool' is used to show how people _____ .

- a) fix things
- b) build a thatched roof
- c) teach kids about fog

7) What do the guides do?

- a) Show people the dirt trails
- b) Show how to grow produce
- c) Talk about the dwellings

8) What is suggested you do near the flowers?

- a) Talk to the seniors
- b) Read a book
- c) Take a photo

9) What has the speaker never done at the park?

- a) Have a barbecue
- b) Walk on the grass
- c) Seen the lake make fog