4 GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

a What is the past simple of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers in **Joe's** text.

go _____	begin _____
spend _____	leave _____
want _____	be _____/_____
stay _____	think _____
know _____	argue _____
sunbathe _____	take _____

b Now underline the past simple [+] verbs in **Laura's** text. What are the infinitives?

c Find and underline two past simple [−] verbs in the two texts. How do you make [−] and [?] in the past simple…?

- with normal verbs
- with *was / were*
- with *could*

d ➤ **p.128 Grammar Bank 2A.** Learn more about the past simple and practise it.

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5 PRONUNCIATION regular verbs: *-ed* endings

a 1 37 Listen and repeat the sentences.

 tie	We booked a holiday. We walked around the town.
 dog	We sunbathed on the beach. We argued about everything.
/ɪd/	We rented a flat. We decided to break up.

b Say the past simple of these verbs. In which ones is *-ed* pronounced /ɪd/?

arrive	ask	end	invite	like	love	need	park	start	stay

c 1 38 Listen and check.

Regular past simple verbs

Remember that we don't normally pronounce the e in *-ed*.

The *-ed* ending is usually pronounced /t/ or /d/. The difference between these endings is very small.

We only pronounce the *e* in *-ed* when there is a **t** or a **d** before it, e.g. *wanted*, *ended*. With these verbs *-ed* = /ɪd/.

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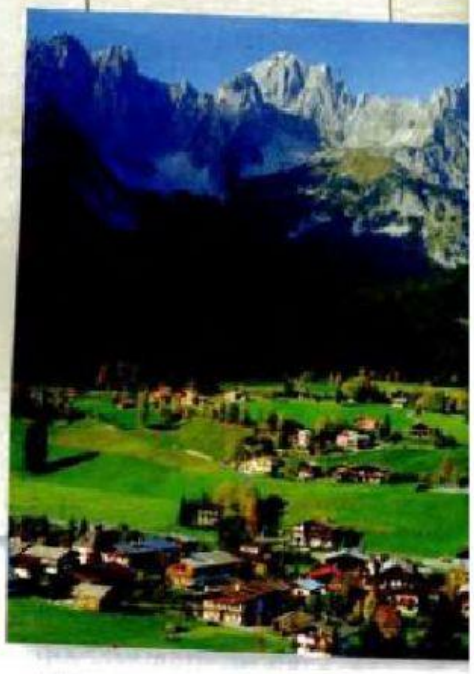
6 SPEAKING

a Look at **Your last holiday** below. What are the questions?

b Think about your answers to the questions.

YOUR LAST HOLIDAY

1 *Where / go?*
2 *When / go?*
3 *Who / go with?*
4 *Where / stay?*
5 *What / the food like?*
6 *What / the weather like?*
7 *What / do during the day?*
8 *What / do at night?*
9 */ have a good time?*
10 */ have any problems?*



c Work in pairs. Ask your partner about his / her holiday. Show interest in what he / she says, and ask for more information. Then swap roles.

Useful language for showing interest
[+] *Really? Wow! Fantastic! Great!* etc.
[−] *Oh no! How awful!* etc.
[?] *Was it expensive? Why? What happened?* etc.

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