

Grammar reference: Past simple 1

Complete the sentences with the past simple of the verbs in brackets ().

1. The young man (take) out his wallet and (pay) the bill.
2. When Lucy (go) to the interview, she (wear) her best suit.
3. We (leave) the motorway and (drive) for an hour on quiet country roads.
4. I (think) I (know) my irregular verbs, but now I'm not so sure!
5. As soon as I (meet) Doris, I (know) she (be) someone special.
6. Tolstoy (write) some great novels, but he never (win) a Nobel Prize.
7. The nurse (put) the little boy to bed and (speak) to him softly.
8. When they (hear) the fire alarm, everybody (run) out of the building.
9. Last year, the company (build) a new factory, which (cost) millions of dollars.
10. When Jose (break) his arm, the doctor (give) him two weeks off work.