

2B**GRAMMAR** Past simple*I can describe past events.*

1 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



In 1998, Philip Boit ¹ took (take) part in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. His event ² was (be) cross-country skiing, and the newspapers ³ wrote (write) about him a lot because he was from Kenya, a country with no snow!

Boit ⁴ prepared (prepare) well for the Olympics. Before the competition, he ⁵ spent (spend) two months training in Finland. However, he ⁶ didn't win (not win) the race – in fact, he ⁷ finished (finish) last.

A Norwegian skier called Bjørn Dæhlie ⁸ won (win) the event, but he ⁹ didn't leave (not leave) immediately after the finish – he ¹⁰ waited (wait) for Boit because he ¹¹ wanted (want) to shake his hand. After this, Boit and Dæhlie became good friends. In fact, when Boit ¹² had (have) a son a few years later, he ¹³ named (name) him Dæhlie Boit!

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

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The Generous Footballer

French international footballer Olivier Kapo ¹ came to the UK to play for Birmingham City in 2007. At the same time, a local boy called James McPike ² was work at the football club and one of his jobs ³ was cleaning Kapo's football boots. For a year, he ⁴ washed them after every match. At the end of the year, he ⁵ gave Kapo for a souvenir. He ⁶ wanted to keep the star's football boots. In fact, Kapo ⁷ gave him a much better gift: his Mercedes sports car! James ⁸ was amazed.

3 Complete the questions for these answers. The information is all in the texts in exercises 1 and 2.

- Which event _____ Philip Boit _____ in? Cross-country skiing.
- Where _____ Boit _____ for the Olympics? In Finland.
- _____ Boit _____ the event? No, he didn't. He came last.
- _____ Boit and Dæhlie _____ good friends? Yes, they did.
- When _____ Olivier Kapo _____ to the UK? In 2007.
- What _____ Olivier Kapo _____ James McPike? His Mercedes sports car.

4 Complete the sentences with the affirmative or negative form of the verbs.

- They scored two goals in the first half, but they didn't score any goals in the second half.
- We _____ into town by bus; we went by taxi.
- The 2008 Olympics _____ in Japan; they took place in China.
- James Naismith _____ basketball; he didn't invent volleyball.
- Women _____ in tennis and golf at the 1900 Olympics, but they didn't compete in other events.
- In the 19th century, footballers didn't wear shorts; they _____ long trousers.
- When I took the penalty, I _____ the ball, I kicked the ground!
- We didn't win our first tennis match, but we _____ our second.

5 Write six true sentences about what you did and didn't do at the weekend. Use the activities in the box and the past simple (affirmative or negative).

have lunch in a café do my homework
go swimming play tennis read a magazine see a film

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____