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

Boit [3]_____ (prepare) well for the Olympics. Before the competition, he [4]_____ (spend) two months training in Finland. However, he [5]_____ (not win) the race – in fact, he [6]_____ (finish) last.

A Norwegian skier called Bjørn Dæhlie [7]_____ (win) the event, but he [8]_____ (not leave) immediately after the finish – he [9]_____ (wait) for Boit because he [10]_____ (want) to shake his hand. After this, Boit and Dæhlie became good friends. In fact, when Boit [11]_____ (have) a son a few years later, he [12]_____ (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]_____ to the UK to play for Birmingham City in 2007. At the same time, a local boy called James McPike [2]_____ work at the football club and one of his jobs [3]_____ cleaning Kapo's football boots. For a year, he [4]_____ them after every match. At the end of the year, he [5]_____ Kapo for a souvenir. He [6]_____ to keep the star's football boots. In fact, Kapo [7]_____ him a much better gift: his Mercedes sports car! James [8]_____ amazed.

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

1 Which event _____ Philip Boit _____ in?
Cross-country skiing.

2 Where _____ Boit _____ for the Olympics?
In Finland.

3 _____ Boit _____ the event?
No, he didn't. He came last.

4 _____ Boit and Dæhlie _____ good friends?
Yes, they did.

5 When _____ Olivier Kapo _____ to the UK?
In 2007.

6 What _____ Olivier Kapo _____ James McPike?
His Mercedes sports car.

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

1 They scored two goals in the first half, but they didn't score any goals in the second half.

2 We _____ into town by bus; we went by taxi.

3 The 2008 Olympics _____ in Japan; they took place in China.

4 James Naismith _____ basketball; he didn't invent volleyball.

5 Women _____ in tennis and golf at the 1900 Olympics, but they didn't compete in other events.

6 In the 19th century, footballers didn't wear shorts; they _____ long trousers.

7 When I took the penalty, I _____ the ball, I kicked the ground!

8 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 _____

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