

# GRAMMAR

## past tenses

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct ending (A or B).

- I first went abroad  
A twice already this year.  
B two years ago, when I was thirteen.
- While I was taking a selfie,  
A a girl suddenly put her face in the picture.  
B a girl was putting her face in the picture.
- He didn't really join in. He  
A was always playing computer games instead of enjoying the trip.  
B 's been playing computer games instead of enjoying the trip.
- We were going to get tickets for the water park  
A and it was great fun.  
B but it was closed on Sunday.
- Dad was due to join us for the second week  
A but he was ill and couldn't make it.  
B and he loved the area too.
- There was no one to help us. We got to the hotel after midnight and  
A the receptionist went home.  
B the receptionist had already gone home.
- I was happy, but really tired after  
A we've been exploring the city all day.  
B we'd been exploring the city all day.

### 2 Complete the sentences with the past form of these verbs.

going to + skype / be    read / miss / have to    swim / step  
take off / wait    used + spend / would + collect    walk / crash

- We ..... along the beach when suddenly a huge wave ..... over the rocks.
- By the time the plane actually ....., we ..... on the runway for an hour.
- I ..... home, but the signal in the hostel ..... hopeless.
- My sister ..... already ..... out to the rock by the time I ..... into the water.
- I ..... on the bus, so I ..... my stop and ..... walk 5 km back to the campsite.
- As I young child, I ..... a week with my aunt and uncle near the coast. I ..... shells and stones from our walks along the beach.

### 3 Find two sentences in which 'would' can replace 'used to'.

- I look really different from my passport picture. I used to have long hair.
- We used to build a campfire every night and tell ghost stories.
- We have a house on the mainland now, but we used to live on a small island.
- My family and all our cousins used to stay in a big farmhouse every summer.
- My aunt has been all over Europe. She used to work as a tour guide.

### 4 Match the sentence halves (1–6) with (A–F).

- I used to be petrified of flying.
  - We couldn't believe how crowded the Tokyo underground was,
  - My friend doesn't want to come on the adventure holiday,
  - I hated the cold showers at the campsite at first,
  - I couldn't eat the first curry I tried in Thailand,
  - The tourist season used to finish in September,
- A as she isn't used to cycling long distances.  
B but I'm not so scared of it now.  
C as I'm not used to eating spicy food.  
D but I got used to them quite quickly.  
E but people seem to travel all year now.  
F but we're getting used to it now.

### 5 Complete the chatroom posts with the correct form of the verbs. Use short forms where possible.

**Ali**
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I<sup>1</sup> ..... (go) to Croatia last month to stay with a girl I met online, Nika. I<sup>2</sup> ..... (never/travel) abroad without my parents before and I really<sup>3</sup> ..... (miss) them. Nika and I<sup>4</sup> ..... (not/get on) from Day 1. It was strange because we<sup>5</sup> ..... (write) to each other for ages and we seemed to like the same things. I<sup>6</sup> ..... (be due/stay) three weeks and I lasted only one! 😞

**Tanya**
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Last summer holidays I<sup>7</sup> ..... (go/have) a week in Boston with my best friend's family. I<sup>8</sup> ..... (look forward) to it for ages, but then suddenly my parents said no. They<sup>9</sup> ..... (used/have) us all together over the summer. I<sup>10</sup> ..... (already/make) loads of holiday plans, but dad<sup>11</sup> ..... (not think) it was fair on my brother! 😞