9a They went to New York.

Grammar: Past simple of irregular verbs: affirmative and negative

1 ★ **Complete the past simple form of the verbs.**

1 come	c a m e
2 go	__ e __ __
3 buy	b __ __ __ __ __
4 drive	d __ __ __ e
5 write	__ __ __ t __
6 sleep	__ l __ __ __
7 say	s __ __ __
8 make	__ a __ __
9 ride	r __ __ __
10 have	__ a __

2 ★★ **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.**

1 My brother *sold* (sell) his camera last week.
2 My dad _____ (go) to London last week, but he _____ (not drive). He _____ (go) by train.
3 My girlfriend _____ (buy) me this book for my birthday, but I _____ (not buy) her a present. I _____ (forget) her birthday.
4 I'm tired. I _____ (not sleep) all night.
5 Ian Fleming _____ (not write) the Jason Bourne books. He _____ (write) the James Bond books.
6 I _____ (have) a great holiday. I _____ (ride) a horse and _____ (meet) some cool people.
7 I _____ (go) to the cinema last night, but I _____ (not see) a film. I waited for my friends there.
8 Macbeth _____ (not say) 'To be or not to be?'. Hamlet _____ (say) it.

3 ★★★ **Complete the text using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

In 1934, Theresa Wallach and Florence Blenkiron travelled together from London to Cape Town in South Africa. They [1]*didn't go* (not go) by plane, they [2]_____ (not drive) a car. They [3]_____ (ride) on a motorbike. They [4]_____ (not have) any help. There weren't any people with them. On the way, they [5]_____ (have) a lot of problems, but they [6]_____ (meet) friendly people and, in the end, arrived in South Africa. After the journey, they were famous and Wallach [7]_____ (write) their story in the book *The Rugged Road*. After the Second World War, Wallach [8]_____ (go) to the USA and [9]_____(ride) a motorbike around the country for two and a half years. In 1952, she moved to the USA to live and work. She [10]_____ (have) a motorbike shop there. One day, in 1959, three men [11]_____ (come) into the shop to buy motorbikes for a holiday in Europe. She [12]_____ (not sell) them bikes because she was worried about them. She gave them lessons about motorbike riding and, when they were ready, they [13]_____ (buy) the bikes and [14]_____ (have) a great holiday in Europe. That's when Theresa realised she was a good teacher. She [15]_____ (write) another book, *Easy Motorbike Riding*, [16]_____ (sell) her shop and opened a school; The Easy Riding Academy.
She really was an amazing woman and she lived to the age of 90, a lover of motorbikes until the end.

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