

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