

9a They went to New York.

Grammar: Past simple of irregular verbs: affirmative and negative

1 Complete the past simple form of the verbs.

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| 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.

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