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Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We _____ (learn) to do karate for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- 2 He _____ (not compete) in the race because his leg was broken.
- 3 _____ you _____ (do) the washing-up last night?
- 4 Our team _____ (score) three goals in the match, but we lost.
- 5 We _____ (not have) school last week. It was the holidays!
- 6 Who _____ she _____ (sail) across the Atlantic with?
- 7 My friends _____ (go) to see a tennis tournament two days ago.

Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verbs below.

come go say speak write begin leave spend take think

- 1 She _____ the book in only three months.
- 2 The visitor _____ to the students in French.
- 3 Our aunt and uncle _____ to visit us last weekend.
- 4 Ana _____ that the book wasn't very interesting, so I didn't buy it.
- 5 My sister was tired and _____ to bed.
- 6 It _____ us two hours to clean the room.
- 7 The student _____ that Shanghai was in Japan!
- 8 The concert _____ at 8.30 in the evening.
- 9 They _____ the weekend at the beach.
- 10 She _____ Hannover on the four o'clock train.

Write questions for the answers.

- 1 I went to bed because I felt sick.
Why _____?
- 2 She bought a new jacket on Tuesday.
What _____?
- 3 Natalia went to Edinburgh last summer.
Where _____?
- 4 We left home at nine o'clock.
When _____?
- 5 They travelled to the concert by train.
How _____?

Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verbs below.

do win catch go read speak get

- 1 My brother _____ a school chess competition last year.
- 2 I _____ a lot of gifts for my last birthday.
- 3 Last weekend we _____ to the cinema.
- 4 We _____ a book by Jane Austen in our English literature class last week.
- 5 The head teacher _____ to my parents about my poor grades yesterday.
- 6 Colin _____ his maths homework late last night.
- 7 We only _____ one fish in the lake at the weekend.

Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Use the affirmative, negative or interrogative forms.

- 1 _____ (you / see) the football match last night?
- 2 My parents _____ (go) shopping to buy some new clothes.
- 3 We _____ (have) a great time on our holidays. The weather was hot every day.
- 4 Sally _____ (cook) dinner yesterday. She went to the new restaurant in town instead.
- 5 _____ (Dad / buy) a newspaper this morning?
- 6 _____ (you / write) the party invitation to Suzie yesterday?
- 7 Mark _____ (go) to the theatre because he was busy.

Complete the sentences with the past simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

cycle decide hurry park pass stay study want

- 1 We _____ our car in the car park, opposite the library.
- 2 My aunt _____ medicine at Cambridge University.
- 3 I _____ to school because I was late for my lessons.
- 4 I _____ fifteen miles yesterday morning.
- 5 My mum _____ at home with my brother yesterday.
- 6 When I was a child I _____ to be an actor.
- 7 They _____ to buy a holiday house in Portugal.
- 8 All students _____ the test at the end of the course.

Complete the text. Use the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday it was my little brother's birthday. We ¹ _____ (prepare) a picnic with Joey's favourite food and our parents ² _____ (take) us to the beach. Joey ³ _____ (not want) to swim, so we ⁴ _____ (play) beach volleyball. Mum and I ⁵ _____ (win), but Joey ⁶ _____ (not be) upset because we ⁷ _____ (have) a good time. Afterwards, we ⁸ _____ (go) to the cinema to see the new Disney film. A lady at the cinema ⁹ _____ (give) Joey a Mickey Mouse balloon. I think he ¹⁰ _____ (enjoy) his birthday!

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It was my birthday yesterday. I ¹ _____ (want) to do something different, so my friends and I ² _____ (go) karting. We decided to have a race. I ³ _____ (start) really fast, but I ⁴ _____ (not win). In fact, I ⁵ _____ (come) last. I ⁶ _____ (not be) upset because I ⁷ _____ (have) such a good time! Afterwards, Dad ⁸ _____ (take) us to Mario's Pizzeria. The chef ⁹ _____ (make) a special pizza for me. I really ¹⁰ _____ (enjoy) my birthday!

Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Sporting heroes

What makes someone a sporting hero? Millions of spectators watched Usain Bolt running in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He broke the world record in three athletics events. At the same Olympic Games, the American swimmer Michael Phelps won eight gold medals and broke seven world records. The world media went crazy! Everyone loves a champion.

But at the Olympics there is also another kind of hero. Have you ever seen the film *Cool Runnings*? It's a funny film about a bobsleigh team from Jamaica. It's based on the true story of a Jamaican team who competed in the Winter Olympics in 1988. They lived in a country with no snow, they had nowhere to train and no money from the government or big businesses to help them, but they made it to the Olympics and they raced for their country. The Olympic Games have many stories like this.

When Eric Moussambani, from Equatorial Guinea in central Africa, swam in the 100 m freestyle in Sydney in the 2000 Olympic Games, the international media reported it around the world. He didn't win a gold medal. He didn't break any records. In fact, his time at one minute and fifty-two seconds was more than twice the time of Pieter van den Hoogenband, who broke the world record with a time of 47.84 seconds. Before the Olympics, Moussambani trained in a twenty-metre hotel pool. He only started swimming eight months before the Olympic Games. The race was his first time in an Olympic-sized fifty-metre swimming pool. And the crowd clapped and cheered for Moussambani until he reached the finish line.

These people are not champions and they do not go back to their countries with a handful of medals, but they are heroes because they try.

- 1 The Jamaican government gave the bobsleigh team money to compete. _____
- 2 The team from Jamaica tried to compete in the Olympics, but they failed. _____
- 3 The newspapers and TV journalists were interested in Moussambani. _____
- 4 Moussambani swam in a fifty-metre pool for the first time at the Olympics. _____
- 5 Moussambani didn't finish the race. _____