

# READING COMPREHENSION

## SIMPLE PAST



### MARTIN'S VACATION

Martin had a terrible day yesterday. It was the day of his vacation to Spain but it was a nightmare. He left the house at 10 o'clock in the morning and caught a taxi to the airport.

Martin went to the check-in with his luggage. When the man who worked for the airline asked for his passport, Martin became very upset. Where was his passport? Martin realized he didn't have his passport with him. What a disaster!

He jumped back into the taxi and told the driver to take him home. The driver drove quickly and Martin arrived back at his house in twenty minutes.

He ran into the house and went into his bedroom. He found his passport on the bedside table and left the house again. But the taxi wasn't there! Where was the taxi!

Martin jumped up and down angrily. "I don't believe it. The taxi left!" he shouted. He ran down the street and looked for another taxi.

After a few minutes, Martin found another taxi and told the driver to take him to the airport as quickly as possible. The traffic on the roads was very bad and, unfortunately, Martin's taxi arrived at the airport late. His plane left for Spain at 11.30 and Martin missed it. He was very sad and went to speak to the airline. They promised to get him a seat on an evening flight and Martin went home on another taxi to wait.

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**After reading "Martin's Vacation", answer these reading comprehension questions about it.**

1. Where was Martin going on vacation?

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2. What time did he leave the house?

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3. How did he get to the airport?

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4. When did he realize that he didn't have his passport?

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5. How long did it take to go back to his house in the taxi?

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6. Where was the passport?

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7. What did Martin discover when he went back outside?

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8. How did Martin get to the airport the second time?

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9. Why did he arrive late at the airport?

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10. Why did Martin go home?

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## Simple past.

Complete the sentences with was or were.

1. I .....happy.
2. You .....angry.
3. She .....in London last week.
4. He .....on holiday.
5. It .....cold.
6. We .....at school.
7. You .....at the cinema.
8. They .....at home.
9. The cat .....on the roof.
10. The children .....in the garden.

Complete the table.

| Infinitive | Past Simple |
|------------|-------------|
| Become     |             |
|            | Began       |
| Build      |             |
| Cut        |             |
|            | Drank       |
|            | Ate         |
| Give       |             |
| Have       |             |
| Leave      |             |
|            | Made        |
|            | Read        |
| Run        |             |

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the simple past verb.

1. I .....(play) video games last night.
2. Michael .....(jump) on the sofa.
3. We .....(go) to school yesterday.
4. Dana .....(watch) a movie yesterday.
5. Last night, it .....(rain) very hard.
6. He .....(write) his name on the book.
7. The computer..... (break) 2 weeks ago.
8. The girls..... (make) a sand castle at the beach last weekend.
9. I .....(open) the door 3 minutes ago.
10. He .....(forget) his jacket at his house.

**Negate the first sentence in each task. Write the negations of the verbs in bold into the correct gaps.**

1. He **played** handball. → He..... handball.
2. Susan **waited** in the kitchen. → Susan .....in the kitchen.
3. I **made** the beds. → I .....the beds.
4. They **cleaned** the classroom. → They .....the classroom.
5. She **asked** a lot of questions. → She..... a lot of questions.

**Write questions in simple past.**

1. Anna / the window / open : Did Anna open the window?
2. she / home / walk :.....
3. you / in the garden / work :.....
4. you / a song / sing :.....
5. she / on a chair / sit :.....
6. you / the castle / visit :.....

**Answer about your last summer holidays. Write 80-100 words.**

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