

READING COMPREHENSION: SIMPLE PAST

1. Match the words with the pictures.

- a) Nightmare _____
- b) Luggage _____
- c) Upset _____
- d) Driver _____
- e) Plane _____
- f) Sad _____



2. Read the text and look at the **HIGHLIGHTED WORDS**. Write the **Spanish equivalent** and the **past form** of the verbs.

Infinitive verb	Spanish equivalent	Past form
Be		
Run		
Have		
Find		
Tell		
Arrive		
Leave		
Promise		
Work		
Go		
Drive		
Arrive		

3. Read the text and write T (true) or F (false). Then, copy the part of the text to justify your answer.

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? "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.

1. Martin had a fantastic day yesterday. ____
2. He went to the airport in his car. ____
3. He gave his passport to the check-in man. ____
4. He was upset and went back to his house to look for the passport. ____
5. Martin didn't find his passport. ____
6. The taxi arrived late at the airport and Martin missed his plane. ____

Justification

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

4. Number the events in order according to the story.

- A. Martin took a taxi to find his passport. ____
- B. The traffic was bad and Martin missed his plane. ____
- C. Martin went to the airport to the check-in area. ____
- D. Martin spoke to the airline and left the airport. ____
- E. His previous taxi had left, so Martin called another taxi and went to the airport again. ____
- F. Martin packed his luggage and prepared for his trip to Spain. ____

5. Complete the sentences with the PAST FORM of the verbs in ACTIVITY 2.

- a. My sister _____ a party last weekend.
- b. The man _____ the house to go to work.
- c. Roxana _____ me that she went on holiday to Brazil.
- d. My parents _____ to buy a new mobile phone for me.
- e. I _____ my keys! I had lost them.