

# Grammar

## Past Simple

### Positive

- 1 Read about Tony Hawks's Irish adventure. Complete the text with the regular or irregular Past Simple form of the verbs in the boxes.

## Round Ireland ... with a fridge?!

drink decide agree make buy  
ring choose

There are many ways to travel round Ireland – by car, coach, train, or bike. One man <sup>1</sup> chose to hitchhike\* round Ireland, but he had a very unusual travelling companion – a fridge!

On a Saturday night in the middle of winter, Tony Hawks, a British comedian, was having dinner with some old friends. They <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ too much red wine, and the conversation became wilder and wilder. At the end of the night he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a crazy bet with his friend, Kevin. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to hitchhike around Ireland in one month with a fridge! The bet was only for £100.

The next day, Kevin <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tony and said he could forget the bet. However, Tony loved the silliness of the idea, and he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to do it!

The next month, Tony <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a small fridge. He was ready for his Irish adventure!

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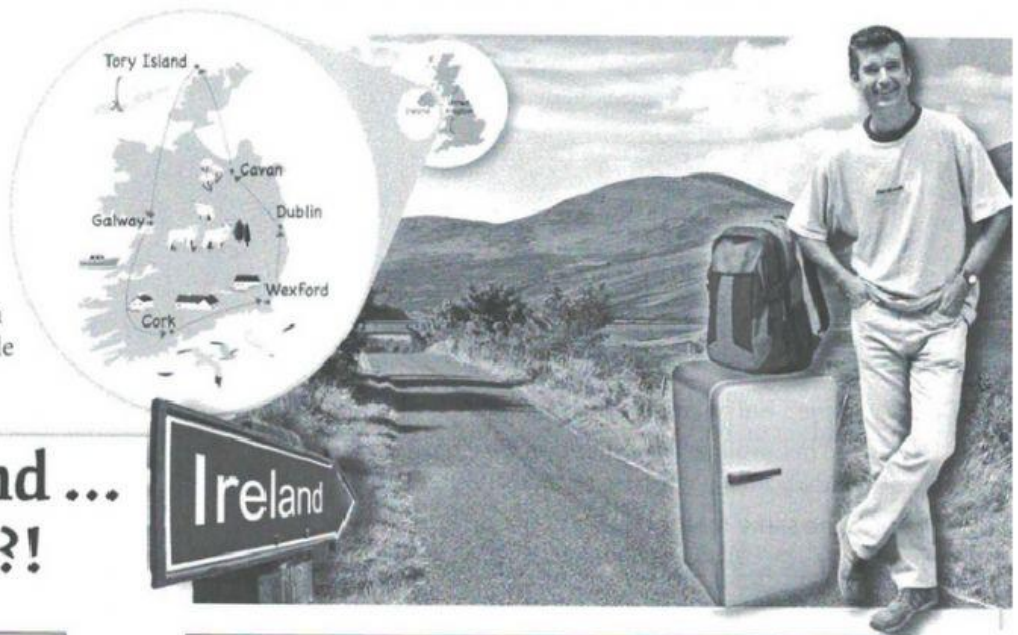
### The trip

Tony <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from Cavan in Ireland. It wasn't long before a local radio DJ <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ interested in Tony's unusual challenge. He <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tony to call the radio show every morning and share his travel stories with the listeners. The Irish people <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hearing about his travels and wanted to help him win his bet. They called him 'the Fridge Man'.

Not surprisingly, Tony and his fridge <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ some interesting adventures. They had tea with the king of Tory Island, a tiny Irish-speaking island off the coast of Donegal. Tony <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to win the princess's hand in marriage with a bunch of flowers, but unfortunately the princess was away. He also <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ surfing with Bingo, one of Ireland's champion surfers. Bingo <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the fridge was a better surfer than Tony!

Tony loved the warmth and generosity of the Irish people. He found it amazing that a small fridge could bring so many people together. And he <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the bet!

**hitchhike** to travel by getting free lifts from passing cars



The king of Tory Island



## Questions

### 2 Write the questions about Tony Hawks.

- 1 'What did Tony travel round Ireland with?'  
'A fridge.'
- 2 'Who \_\_\_\_\_ with?'  
'His friend, Kevin.'
- 3 'How long \_\_\_\_\_ the journey \_\_\_\_\_?'  
'It took one month.'
- 4 'How much \_\_\_\_\_ for?'  
'£100.'
- 5 'Why \_\_\_\_\_ he decide \_\_\_\_\_?'  
'Because he loved the silliness of the idea.'
- 6 'Where \_\_\_\_\_ from?'  
'Cavan.'
- 7 'What \_\_\_\_\_?'  
'The Fridge Man.'
- 8 'Who \_\_\_\_\_ with?'  
'The king of Tory Island.'

## Negatives and short answers

### 3 Correct the information.

- 1 Tony met his friends on a Friday night.  
Tony didn't meet his friends on a Friday night.  
He met them on a Saturday night.
- 2 Tony drank too much beer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 He had six weeks to complete the bet.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The bet was for £1,000.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 During his trip, Tony went skydiving.  
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### 4 Answer the questions with short answers.

- 1 'Did he travel with a washing machine?'  
'No, he didn't.'
- 2 'Did he travel round Scotland?'  
'\_\_\_\_\_.'
- 3 'Did he meet lots of friendly people on his trip?'  
'\_\_\_\_\_.'
- 4 'Did he get married?' '\_\_\_\_\_.'
- 5 'Did he go surfing?' '\_\_\_\_\_.'
- 6 'Did he lose the bet?' '\_\_\_\_\_.'