

Simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Put the verbs in brackets in the past simple.

Two summers ago we had (have) a holiday in Scotland. We ¹ _____ (drive) there from London, but our car ² _____ (break) down on the motorway and we ³ _____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we ⁴ _____ (get) to Edinburgh we ⁵ _____ (go) to our hotel, but they ⁶ _____ (not can) find our reservation, and they ⁷ _____ (be) full. We ⁸ _____ (not know) what to do, but in the end we ⁹ _____ (find) a Bed and Breakfast and we ¹⁰ _____ (stay) there for the week. We ¹¹ _____ (see) the castle and ¹² _____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We ¹³ _____ (want) to go to Loch Ness, but we ¹⁴ _____ (not have) much time and it ¹⁵ _____ (be) quite far away. The weather ¹⁶ _____ (not be) very good – it ¹⁷ _____ (start) raining on the day we ¹⁸ _____ (leave) London, and it never ¹⁹ _____ (stop)!

c Complete the text with the past simple form of verbs from the list.

arrive ask book cannot decide
go (x2) look take want

THE HOLIDAY THAT WASN'T

Four years ago, we ¹ decided to go away for the weekend. We ² _____ to go to Portugal, so we ³ _____ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we ⁴ _____ a taxi to the airport. We ⁵ _____ at the airport at two o'clock, and we ⁶ _____ to check-in. The woman at the desk ⁷ _____ us for our passports. We ⁸ _____ in our bags and in our coat pockets, but we ⁹ _____ find them. So we ¹⁰ _____ home again! It was a miserable weekend! ☹️

e Write the past simple of these verbs in the correct column.

argue begin arrive ask buy can choose eat
feel invite rent say stay study

Regular

argued

Irregular

began

b Complete the questions in the past simple.

Where did you go on holiday last year?

We went to Vancouver.

1 Wow! _____ a good time?

Yes, we had a great time.

2 _____ with?

I went with my family.

3 _____?

We stayed in a hotel.

4 _____ the plane tickets

_____?

They cost about £2,000.

5 _____ the weather like?

It was hot and sunny.

6 _____ in the evening?

We usually went out for dinner.

d Read the text in c again. Complete the questions.

1 When did they decide to go away for the weekend?

Four years ago.

2 Where _____ to go?

Portugal.

3 How _____ the apartment?

They booked it online.

4 What time _____ at the airport?

At two o'clock.

5 What _____ at check-in ask for?

The woman asked for their passports.

6 Where _____ in the end?

They went home.

f Rewrite the sentences with a negative verb.

1 We stayed in a hostel.

We didn't stay in a hotel.

2 They bought some postcards.

They _____ any souvenirs.

3 The people were unfriendly.

The people _____ very helpful.

4 I swam in the sea.

I _____ in the swimming pool.

5 We rented a flat.

We _____ a car.

6 He spent a month in Bangkok.

He _____ a week there.

8 Complete the sentences with an adjective.

- 1 We loved our room. It was very *comfortable*.
- 2 The weather was warm and s_____ every day.
- 3 There were a lot of people on the beach. It was very cr_____.
- 4 The hotel was on a busy road, so it was really n_____.
- 5 The staff in the hotel were very unh_____ and sometimes quite unfriendly.
- 6 There wasn't much in the apartment. It was very b_____. It didn't even have a fridge.
- 7 The other people on the trip were very fr_____. We made some good friends.
- 8 The town was l_____. All the houses had flowers on the balcony and were painted different colours.
- 9 It was cl_____ all day, so we couldn't sunbathe.
- 10 The apartment was very l_____ – it was full of expensive furniture and very comfortable!

h Look at the chart. Write the questions and Lucy's answers. Write sentences about your last holiday in the **You** column

Last year's holiday	Lucy	You
1 Where / you go <i>Where did you go?</i>	Greece <i>I went to Greece.</i>	<i>On my last holiday, I went to...</i>
2 How / you / get there	plane	
3 Where / you / stay	hotel	
4 How long / you / stay	ten days	
5 What / you / do	went swimming	
6 What / be / weather like	sunny	

i Match the words on the left with the phrases on the right.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We went 2. I saw 3. We ate fish 4. They stayed 5. She made 6. We watched 7. He had | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Big Ben b. many new friends c. a great time d. a fantastic musical e. and chips f. to San Francisco g. with some old friends |
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j Choose the correct form for each statement.

- **How was/were your holiday?**
 1. What was/were the weather like?
 2. The hotel was/were really nice.
 3. There wasn't/weren't many people.
 4. It was/were very relaxing.
 5. How was/were the restaurants?
 6. Were/was there a swimming pool?