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## Present Simple vs Past Simple

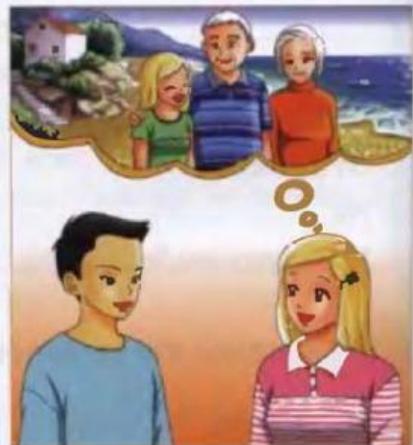
### 12 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

- 1 A: .... *Did you enjoy* .... (you / enjoy) the film last night?  
B: No, I .... *didn't* .... It .... *was* .... (be) a horror film.
- 2 A: .... (you/go) to work yesterday?  
B: No, I .... I .... (never/work) on Saturdays.
- 3 A: .... (you/see) Charles yesterday?  
B: Yes. We .... (have) lunch together.
- 4 A: .... (Colin/work) at a bank?  
B: No, he .... . He .... (work) at a post office.
- 5 A: What time .... (you start) school every day?  
B: Eight o'clock. But yesterday we .... (start) at eight thirty.
- 6 A: What .... (you/do) at weekends?  
B: We usually .... (go) to the beach.
- 7 A: .... (you/do) anything exciting last Saturday?  
B: No, not really. I .... (watch) TV and .... (read) a book.  
It was a boring weekend.

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### 13 Read the conversation between Ling and Amy. Then put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

Ling: Hi Amy. 1) .... *Were you* .... (you/be) at home last weekend?



Amy: No, I 2) .... (not/be). My family and I 3) .... (go) to the beach. We often 4) .... (go) to the beach at weekends.

Ling: You're lucky. 5) .... (you/have) a nice time?

Amy: Oh, yes! I 6) .... (have) a great time!

Ling: Where 7) .... (you/stay)?

Amy: We 8) .... (stay) at my grandparents' house.

Ling: Oh. 9) .... (they/live) near the beach?

Amy: Yes, they do. Their house 10) .... (be) right by the beach.

Ling: Wow! That's cool. And what did you do there?

Amy: We 11) .... (walk) along the beach and 12) .... (swim) in the sea.

Ling: That sounds like a lot of fun.

14 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present simple* or the *past simple*.

Tommy Brown 1) .... **likes** .... **(like)** making up stories. No one 2) .... **(believe)** what he 3) .... **(say)** because he always 4) .... **(tell)** lies. He 5) .... **(live)** in a small village and 6) .... **(work)** on a farm just outside the village. One night last week, Tommy 7) .... **(finish)** work late. It 8) .... **(be)** dark and cold. Suddenly, he 9) .... **(hear)** a strange noise, so he 10) .... **(look)** up. It 11) .... **(be)** a UFO with bright flashing lights. The UFO 12) .... **(come down)** towards him and he 13) .... **(see)** two green men looking at him from inside. He 14) .... **(scream)**, 15) .... **(drop)** his bag and 16) .... **(run away)**. When he 17) .... **(arrive)** in the village, he 18) .... **(run)** into some villagers and 19) .... **(start)** telling them about the aliens but they all 20) .... **(laugh)** at him. No one 21) .... **(believe)** Tommy.



## Speaking Activity

Look at the pictures and the list of verbs. In pairs, tell the story.

decide	drive	take	arrive	pack	run	be
get into	find	start	tell	begin	can	go



Student A: Last Sunday the Smiths **decided** to go on a picnic.  
 Student B: They all **got into** the car and **drove** to the country.

## Writing Activity

You are the young girl from the Speaking Activity above. Write an email to your English speaking friend telling him/her what happened to you yesterday.

Dear ....,

Guess what happened to me yesterday! My family and I decided to go on a picnic. Everything was great in the beginning. ....