

Write the past simple for each of the verbs.

1	carry	carried	7	look	_____
2	close	_____	8	love	_____
3	collect	_____	9	play	_____
4	copy	_____	10	relax	_____
5	earn	_____	11	return	_____
6	enjoy	_____	12	try	_____

Choose one word to complete each sentence and write it in the past simple.

1 live / look / close
I lived in Bangladesh when I was a child.

2 change / believe / prepare
The Lobi people of ancient Ghana _____ snake money helped them to stay safe.

3 watch / listen / enjoy
We _____ to the radio when we were in the car.

4 start / practise / collect
Sally _____ her new job last week.

5 copy / hurry / carry
Sam _____ the shopping to his car.

6 retire / return / turn
Dan doesn't work now – he _____ when he was sixty-five.

7 use / turn / pay
In the past, people _____ for things with salt.

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Complete the article. Use the past simple of the verbs in (brackets).



THE STORY OF THE CASHPOINT

There weren't any cash machines (sometimes called 'cashpoints') until the 1960s. When people [1] wanted (want) to take out money from their bank, they usually [2] _____ (visit) the bank and [3] _____ (wait) in a line to speak to one of the bank workers. Banks [4] _____ (open) during the week and on Saturday mornings. This was a problem if you [5] _____ (need) money at any other time.

John Shepherd-Barron [6] _____ (study) at the University of Cambridge and he [7] _____ (work) for De La Rue, a company that made banknotes for different countries. One day, John [8] _____ (arrive) at his bank, but it was closed and he couldn't get any money. He [9] _____ (notice) the vending machines that people [10] _____ (use) to buy drinks and food and he [11] _____ (decide) that it was possible to have a 'money vending machine'. He [12] _____ (talk) to Barclays – a British bank – and they [13] _____ (like) his idea. That was in 1965. Today there are over two million cash machines around the world.

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Circle the verb which doesn't have the same *-ed* sound.

1	/d/	changed / returned / started
2	/t/	called / looked / thanked
3	/ɪd/	collected / finished / included
4	/t/	worked / liked / posted
5	/d/	believed / noticed / prepared
6	/ɪd/	wanted / needed / used
7	/d/	waited / received / moved
8	/ɪd/	responded / watched / shouted
9	/t/	noticed / practised / turned

Match the beginnings and endings of the collocations.

1	prepare a	a	for a long time
2	receive an	b	competition
3	move	c	relative
4	post a	d	house
5	shout at	e	email
6	visit a	f	letter
7	enter a	g	meal
8	wait	h	someone

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