Past simple revision: *be*, regular & irregular verbs, *there was/there were*

4 **Complete with the past form of the verbs in orange.**

have • destroy • take • be (x2) • begin • affect

In March 1964, there (1) ... a terrible earthquake in Alaska. It (2) ... the city of Anchorage. The disaster (3) ... at 5.30 pm and (4) ... a magnitude of 9.2. The lights went out and the residents (5) ... terrified. The earthquake (6) ... shops, houses and tall buildings. Then, a tsunami followed and together they (7) ... 128 lives. It was a great tragedy!

5 **Order the words to make questions about the text in exercise 4.**

1. in / where / a / there / terrible / 1964 / was / earthquake ?
2. did / city / earthquake / what / affect / the ?
3. lights / out / did / the / go ?
4. destroy / the / what / earthquake / did ?
5. great / was / it / tragedy / a ?

Integration

Choose the correct words.

Izzie You look happy. How (1) **was / were** your holiday?

Lou Great! We (2) **have / had** a brilliant time.

Izzie Really? Did (3) you **go / went** anywhere interesting?

Lou Yes, we (4) **take / took** a boat to Ireland.

Izzie Fantastic! Where (5) **did you stay / you stayed?**

Lou In a fantastic hotel near Kerry.

Izzie And what did you (6) **do / did** there?

Lou We (7) **walk / walked** on the beach and (8) **see / saw** Colin Farrell in the sea.

Izzie Colin Farrell? A very famous Irish actor! (9) **There was / Were there** any others actors?

Lou No, just him.

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