

## 2A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

**a** Complete the dialogues with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 **A** Is this your first time in the UK, Anna?  
**B** No, I <sup>1</sup> *had* a holiday in Scotland last year.  
**A** Really? I love Scotland! Where <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay)?  
**B** We <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Edinburgh. We <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (book) a hotel online, but unfortunately when we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it. So we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) that hotel and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) an apartment. It was great! What about you? When <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you in Scotland?  
**A** Oh, a long time ago. I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (start) a university course there. I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) the course, but I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (love) Scotland!



- 2 **A** What's the problem, sir?  
**B** Somebody <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) my clothes and bag when I <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in the sea!  
**A** When <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?  
**B** I <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a swim at 11 o'clock. I <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) in the water for very long – about 15 minutes.  
**A** <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the person take your things?  
**B** No. When I <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out of the water, my bag <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) there.  
**A** What <sup>21</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) in your bag? Anything valuable?  
**B** Yes! My mobile phone, credit cards... Oh, I <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) it was a bad idea to leave my bag on the beach...

- 3 **A** Ruth! You're back! <sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a good time?  
**B** No. It <sup>24</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful.  
**A** Why? What happened?  
**B** We <sup>25</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a really basic apartment, and Tom <sup>26</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we <sup>27</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out much in the evening.  
**A** What <sup>28</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) during the day? <sup>29</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) sightseeing?  
**B** Yes, we visited all the famous places. But we <sup>30</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) a lot of money on food and we <sup>31</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) a lot about it. Tom <sup>32</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I <sup>33</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) anything.



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**b** Cover the dialogues and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, the man on the beach, and Ruth and Tom.