6.2 Stories

Grammar past simple regular verbs

1 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	_____

2 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.

3 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.

PRONUNCIATION *-ed* ending in past simple verbs

4a 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

b 6.3 Listen and check.

c 6.3 Listen again and repeat.

STUDY TIP When you learn a new verb, write down in your notebook if it's regular or irregular. For regular verbs, write down the pronunciation, using the symbols in exercise 4a. For irregular verbs, write down the past simple form, and try to learn it at the same time.

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Vocabulary common regular verb collocations

5 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

6 Complete the conversations with a collocation from exercise **5**. Use the past simple form.

1 **A** Does Molly still live in Manchester?
B No, she _moved house_ last year. She lives in Birmingham now.

2 **A** You're late again, Mary.
B I know, I'm sorry. There were no buses this morning – I _____, then I decided to walk.

3 **A** How was your birthday?
B Great! We stayed at home and Daniel _____. It was very nice.
A What did he cook?

4 **A** Tony _____ for a new car last week.
B Really? I hope he wins!

5 **A** How's Rim?
B She's fine. I _____ from her yesterday. She's living in Saudi Arabia now.
A Can you give me her new address so I can write to her?
B Of course.

6 **A** I can't remember the last time I _____.
B I can! It was a few weeks ago when Jamie showed you his pet snake. You were really angry.
A That's because Jamie knows that I don't like snakes.

7 **A** How long does it take for a postcard to get from here to Australia?
B About seven days, I think. My cousin _____ to me from Sydney last week and it arrived here yesterday.

8 **A** When was the last time you _____?
B Two months ago – all of my family live in Poland and I only see them three or four times a year.

I can ...	Very well	Quite well	More practice
use regular verbs to talk about what happened in the past.	○	○	○
use common collocations.	○	○	○

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