

**1 Choose the correct form (Present Simple or Past Simple form) to complete the sentences.**

- 1 These days, I usually *spend / spent* about €100 per month travelling to work.
- 2 Last week, I *buy / bought* a new computer for €700.
- 3 Last month, we *have / had* problems at the factory.
- 4 We all *make / made* mistakes sometimes.
- 5 My grandfather *grow / grew* the business from one shop to 100.
- 6 The company *builds / built* over fifty offices every year.
- 7 Did you *win / won* the company tennis match?
- 8 They *has / had* two meetings yesterday.
- 9 We *go / went* to the new offices two days ago.
- 10 The first car we produced thirty years ago *is / was* very different to the others.

infinitive	past simple	infinitive	past simple				
become	1 _____	leave	16 _____	forget	9 _____	speak	24 _____
begin	2 _____	lose	17 _____	give	10 _____	spend	25 _____
bring	3 _____	make	18 _____	go	11 _____	take	26 _____
buy	4 _____	meet	19 _____	grow	12 _____	tell	27 _____
choose	5 _____	pay	20 _____	have	13 _____	think	28 _____
cost	6 _____	see	21 _____	keep	14 _____	understand	29 _____
fall	7 _____	sell	22 _____	know	15 _____	write	30 _____
find	8 _____	set	23 _____				

Think of six key events in your life. Tell your partner about them and say when they happened. Ask your partner about the key events in his/her life.

When you tell a story in the past, it is useful to say when events happened and in what order they happened. Look at the following examples.

*To begin with ...*

*Then / So then ...*

*For the next three or four years ...*

*Two years later ...*

*After about a year / after a while ...*

*After +ing ... (e.g. After graduating ...)*

*So what did I do?*

*And now ...*



Affirmative	Negative		Interrogative
	<b>Long form</b>	<b>Short form</b>	
I went You went He went	I did not go You did not go He did not go	I didn't go You didn't go He didn't go	Did I go? Did you go? Did he go?

**3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.**

buy hire make (x2) miss not buy not grow not meet win

- We \_\_\_\_\_ our sales targets, so we need to find new customers.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ new desks, but we \_\_\_\_\_ any new chairs.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a new Sales Manager and we hired a new Office Manager.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ new business, but we also \_\_\_\_\_ some mistakes.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ our retail business, so we need to work on this next year.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ some sales targets. However, we \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money in other areas.

**4 Complete the summary with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.**

**Fill in the blanks.**

Present	Past	Present	Past
1. is/are	..was/were..	14. meet	.....
2. ..break...	broke	15. put	.....
3. buy	.....	16. read	.....
4. come	.....	17. ....	rode
5. cut	.....	18. ....	ran
6. ....	cost	19. see	.....
7. drink	.....	20. sit	.....
8. drive	.....	21. ....	swam
9. ....	ate	22. ....	spent
10. have	.....	23. take	.....
11. ....	went	24. tell	.....
12. lose	.....	25. ....	wrote
13. make	.....	26. get	.....

break  
buyswim  
spendhave  
drinkmake  
losesit  
wash

write



1. She .. *made* .. a cake  
an hour ago.



2. She ..... a hat  
last week.



3. The boy ..... a  
letter yesterday.



4. They ..... some  
plates a minute ago.



5. They ..... in the sea  
for an hour.



6. They ..... a lot of  
Coke last night.



7. She ..... her arm  
last week.



8. He ..... all his  
money last week.



9. He ..... a bath  
two minutes ago.



10. He ..... his  
wallet last night.



11. She ..... on the  
old chair a minute ago.



12. She ..... the clothes  
yesterday.

**152** Complete the sentences.



	cut the grass	meet / friends	read a magazine	write a letter
Jane			✓	✓
Peter	✓	✓		
Pam & Ben	✓	✓		
Ann	✓			✓
You				

1. Jane *read a magazine and wrote a letter yesterday. She didn't cut the grass or meet her friends yesterday.*

2. Peter .....

3. Pam and Ben .....

4. Ann .....

5. I .....

**153** Look again at exercise 152, then ask and answer.

1. Jane / meet / friends / yesterday? *Did Jane meet her friends yesterday? No, she didn't.*

2. Jane / cut the grass / yesterday? .....

3. Peter / write a letter / yesterday? .....

**154** (a). Write what Jean did or didn't do yesterday.

go shopping

\_\_\_\_\_

read her book

✓

feed the cat

✓

telephone Mary

\_\_\_\_\_

watch a film on TV

\_\_\_\_\_

visit her grandparents

✓

take them a cake

✓



*.. Jean didn't go ..  
.. shopping yesterday . ...*

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**95 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Past Simple".**

Pamela : What 1) .... *did you do* ..... (you / do) last weekend?  
 Tony : I 2) ..... (go) to my cousin's house.  
 Pamela : 3) ..... (be) it far?  
 Tony : No, it only 4) ..... (take) us 30 minutes.  
 Pamela : 5) ..... (you / stay) there long?  
 Tony : We 6) ..... (stay) only for the weekend.  
 What 7) ..... (you / do) last weekend?  
 Pamela : My family and I 8) ..... (take) the dog and we  
 9) ..... (have) a picnic on the beach.  
 Tony : 10) ..... (be) it sunny?  
 Pamela : Yes, the sun 11) ..... (shine) all day.



**97 Put the verbs in brackets into the "Present Simple" or "Past Simple".**



Tommy Brown 1) .... *is* ..... (be) a real story-teller. 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 near his 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. It 12) .....  
 (come down) towards him and he 13) ..... (see) two green  
 men looking at him. He 14) ..... (scream), 15) .....  
 (drop) his bag and 16) ..... (run away).  
 When he 17) ..... (arrive) at the village he 18) .....  
 (meet) some villagers and 19) ..... (start) to tell them  
 the news but they all 20) ..... (laugh) at him.  
 No one 21) ..... (believe) Tommy.

