

2A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

Complete the conversations with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

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



- 2
- A Hi, Oliver. Welcome home! How ¹³ _____ (be) your flight?
- B Hi, Mum. It ¹⁴ _____ (not be) bad. I ¹⁵ _____ (not sleep) much, but I ¹⁶ _____ (watch) some good films.
- A And ¹⁷ _____ you _____ (like) New Zealand?
- B Yes! It ¹⁸ _____ (be) fantastic. I ¹⁹ _____ (have) a great time. It's a really beautiful country and I ²⁰ _____ (meet) some amazing people. I ²¹ _____ (not want) to come home!
- A ²² _____ you _____ (take) many photos?
- B Yes, I ²³ _____ (take) a lot. I can show you when we get home.



- 3
- A Ruth! You're back! ²⁴ _____ you _____ (have) a good holiday?
- B No. It ²⁵ _____ (be) awful.
- A Why? What happened?
- B We ²⁶ _____ (stay) in a horrible apartment, and Tom ²⁷ _____ (think) the city was dangerous at night, so we ²⁸ _____ (not go) out much in the evening.
- A What ²⁹ _____ you _____ (do) during the day? ³⁰ _____ you _____ (go) sightseeing?
- B Yes, we ³¹ _____ (visit) all the famous places. But we ³² _____ (argue) a lot. Tom ³³ _____ (buy) very expensive souvenirs for all his family! I ³⁴ _____ (not buy) anything.



ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the conversations and look at the pictures. Try to remember what happened to Anna, Oliver, and Ruth and Tom.

2B GRAMMAR past continuous

- a Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the past simple and past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1 I was sleeping when you sent me the message. (sleep, send)
- 2 Susan _____ around Italy when she _____ her boyfriend. (travel, meet)
- 3 We _____ some old photos when we _____ the house. (find, clean)
- 4 They _____ for the bus when they _____ the accident. (wait, see)
- 5 It _____ to rain when they _____ to school. (start, cycle)
- 6 A dog _____ into the road when I _____ home. (run, drive)

- b Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



Last summer, I ¹ was living (live) in Hawaii. One Saturday morning, I ² _____ (wake up) early, and it ³ _____ (be) a beautiful day. The sun ⁴ _____ (shine), and I ⁵ _____ (feel) really happy. I ⁶ _____ (not need) to go to work that day, so I ⁷ _____ (decide) to go surfing. Most of my friends ⁸ _____ (work) and my girlfriend ⁹ _____ (visit) her parents, so I ¹⁰ _____ (go) to the beach alone. When I ¹¹ _____ (arrive), the beach ¹² _____ (be) already crowded. A lot of people ¹³ _____ (sunbathe), children

¹⁴ _____ (play) games and people ¹⁵ _____ (swim) in the sea. Everyone ¹⁶ _____ (enjoy) the lovely summer day. I ¹⁷ _____ (put) my things down on the beach, and then I ¹⁸ _____ (begin) walking to the sea with my surfboard. Suddenly, a man ¹⁹ _____ (shout), 'Shark! Shark! Get out of the water!' At first, I ²⁰ _____ (not can) see anything, but then I ²¹ _____ (see) a big shark. Luckily, it ²² _____ (not attack) anyone and ²³ _____ (swim) away quickly. I ²⁴ _____ (not stay) at the beach after that, and I ²⁵ _____ (go) home without going surfing!

ACTIVATION

Test your memory. Cover the sentences in a and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences.

2C GRAMMAR time sequencers and connectors

a Match the sentence halves and (circle) the correct word: *so, but, because, or although*.

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| 1 The weather was awful, | ☒ g | a so / but I invited her to dinner. |
| 2 I didn't give him my phone number | ☐ | b because / although it had a happy ending. |
| 3 Paul came to work | ☐ | c but / so we couldn't find the house. |
| 4 It was her birthday, | ☐ | d because / although I didn't want him to call me. |
| 5 Jake is an intelligent student, | ☐ | e although / because he was ill. |
| 6 I ran to the shop | ☐ | f so / but we had a wonderful evening. |
| 7 They didn't want to dance, | ☐ | g but / so we didn't go out. |
| 8 We didn't go anywhere special, | ☐ | h although / because I was in a hurry. |
| 9 It was a sad story | ☐ | i because / but he's very lazy. |
| 10 We drove along the street very slowly, | ☐ | j so / because they left the club early. |

b Complete the story with the time sequencers and connectors from the list.

although (x2) because (x3) but (x2) the next day one evening so (x3) suddenly two minutes later when

Don't always listen to the satnav...

Oscar Peters never wanted a satnav ¹*because* he didn't like technology. And ²_____ his brother gave him one as a birthday present, it directed him into a difficult situation.

'My brother Jez loves gadgets and technology. Last year, he gave me a satnav for my birthday, ³_____ he knew I didn't really want one. Jez uses his satnav all the time ⁴_____ he likes listening to instructions, ⁵_____ I prefer using a map.

⁶_____, a friend of a friend phoned. She needed my help, ⁷_____ I agreed to drive to her house. ⁸_____ I had a map in the car, I decided to use the satnav to find her village. It was dark, and I wanted to get there as quickly as possible.

Everything was going fine. I was nearly there, but then ⁹_____ I saw there was a small river



on the left. I could see that there was a road which went through the water to the other side of the river. The satnav said 'Turn left!', ¹⁰_____ I followed the instruction and turned left into the water. The satnav said 'Go straight on!', but ¹¹_____ my car was completely stuck in the mud. I had my phone with me, ¹²_____ I phoned my friend and she came to the river to help. I felt terrible ¹³_____ she got very cold and wet in the water.

¹⁴_____ a tractor pulled my car out of the river, ¹⁵_____ it was completely ruined by the water. I can't believe I made such a stupid – and expensive – mistake!

ACTIVATION

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

Although Jack was very good looking,...
The party was really boring, so...
I enjoyed the film, but...

We decided to eat out because...
Louisa met her husband when...
I was watching TV when suddenly...