Past Simple Reading Activity

Activity 1: Fill in the blanks

Instructions: Read the text about Sofia's vacation and complete it using the correct **past simple** form of the verbs in the box (keep in mind there is a mix of regular and irregular verbs).

Verbs to use: ***go / be / take / swim / buy / eat / stay(***x2***) / visit / have***

My Summer in Mallorca

Last summer, my family and I _____ (**1**) to Mallorca, a beautiful island in Spain. We _____ (**2**) there for one week. The weather _____ (**3**) amazing, it was sunny and hot every day!

We _____ (**4**) in a small hotel near the beach. Every morning, we _____ (**5**) in the crystal-clear ocean and relaxed on the sand. In the afternoons, we _____ (**6**) traditional Spanish food like paella, which was delicious.

One day, we _____ (**7**) an old castle and I _____ (**8**) a lot of photos with my camera. Before returning home, I _____ (**9**) some souvenirs for my friends. We _____ (**10**) a wonderful time!

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Activity 2: Comprehension Questions (Wh- and Yes/No Questions)

Instructions: Read Lucas's email to his friend and answer the questions using the past simple tense.

Lucas's Trip to New York

From: lucas99@email.com

To: sam_travels@email.com

Subject: My trip to NYC!

Hi Sam,

How are you? I want to tell you about my last vacation. Last month, I traveled to New York City with my older brother. We went there by plane and stayed in an apartment in Manhattan.

On our first day, we visited Central Park and rented bikes to explore. It was huge! We also saw the Statue of Liberty from a boat tour. My brother loved the museums, so we spent a whole afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The food was incredible. We didn't eat in expensive restaurants; instead, we tried the famous New York pizza slices and hot dogs from street carts. It rained on Tuesday, so we went to a Broadway show instead of walking around. We came back home on Thursday. It was an unforgettable trip!

Best,

Lucas

Questions:

Wh- Questions:

1. **Where** did Lucas go on vacation last month?

   _____

2. **Who** did he travel with?

   _____

3. **How** did they explore Central Park?

   _____

4. **Why** did they go to a Broadway show on Tuesday?

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Yes/No Questions:

5. Did they stay in a hotel?

_____

6. Did Lucas's brother like the museums?

_____

7. Did they eat at expensive restaurants?

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