Grammar

Past simple

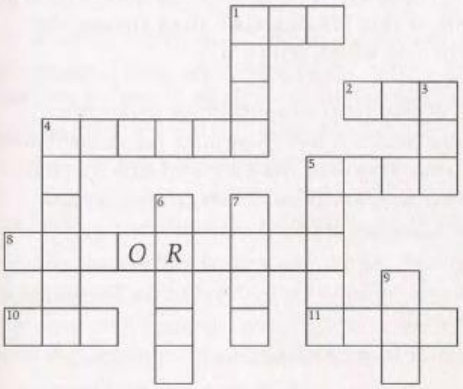
1 Complete the crossword with the past simple forms of these verbs. Refer to the reading passages if you need help.

Across (→):

1 win **2** have **4** buy **5** sell **8** be **10** meet **11** take

Down (↓):

1 go **3** do **4** become **5** spend **6** write **7** leave **9** get



2 Complete this passage with the past simple of the verbs in the box.

be	decide	discover	do	enjoy	go
have	leave	meet	spend	start	win

After I **1** left school, I **2** ..... nine months travelling around South-East Asia. I **3** ..... to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. I **4** ..... lots of different people, **5** ..... some great experiences, and **6** ..... some fascinating places. I **7** ..... it all so much that I **8** ..... to work in the travel business. So, I **9** ..... a course in Travel and Tourism at my local college. I then **10** ..... my own internet travel agency, selling cheap airline tickets. It **11** ..... very successful, and today thousands of people use it to buy their tickets and holidays. Last year it **12** ..... an award for services to the travel industry.

Writing

Task 2

1 Look at this Writing task, then answer the questions which follow it.

In the past, people usually stayed in one place throughout their life. These days, people often move around. They often live in several different places in their lifetime. What are the advantages and disadvantages of both?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant information from your own knowledge and experience.

Write at least 250 words.

What should you do in this essay? Choose YES or NO.

1	Write about the past.	YES	NO
2	Write about the present.	YES	NO
3	Explain why people stayed in one place.	YES	NO
4	Describe the sort of places where people lived.	YES	NO
5	Explain why people move around more these days.	YES	NO
6	Say what is good and bad about both situations.	YES	NO
7	Give your own opinion.	YES	NO
8	Say why you have this opinion.	YES	NO
9	Give the opinion of other people.	YES	NO
10	Talk about your personal experiences.	YES	NO
11	Write a maximum of 250 words.	YES	NO

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Look at this sample answer, and complete the gaps with words from the box. You will need to use some words more than once, and in some cases more than one answer is possible.

also	and	believe	but	however
opinion	think	view		

In the past, it was common for people to be born, grow up, live and die in the same place. This is still the case in some cultures, **1** ...but... not in all.

I **2** ...believe / think... that living in one place had its advantages. People were always close to their family and their friends. In small communities, people knew everyone well **3** ..... they helped each other more. There was a real community spirit.

4 ....., there were disadvantages as well. For example, people probably got bored easily **5** ..... there would not have been many job opportunities. **6** ....., when you had an argument with someone, you still had to see them every day. It would be difficult to get away from them.

Now, people are more mobile. In my country, people move from place to place much more. I **7** ..... that this is a good thing, because they can learn more about the world and enjoy experiences that they would not have if they stayed in one place. They can **8** ..... meet more people **9** ..... they have better job opportunities. In my **10** ....., the main disadvantages are that people can lose touch with their family **11** ..... it can be difficult to make new friends.

In my **12** ....., there are clear advantages and disadvantages to the way people lived in the past **13** ..... the way they live now. I would not like to live in the same place all my life. **14** ....., I know some people who have done this **15** ..... they are perfectly happy.

3 Look at the sample answer again. Has the candidate answered the question? Tick (✓) the boxes which are relevant.

The candidate

1 gives an introduction. ☐
2 writes about the past. ☐
3 writes about the present. ☐
4 says what is good and bad about both situations. ☐
5 gives their own opinion. ☐
6 talks about their personal experiences. ☐
7 gives a conclusion. ☐
8 has given a well-organised answer. ☐
9 has written at least 250 words. ☐

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