

## Past simple: exercises

### 1. Complete the sentences with the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

- a. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to France on holiday last year.
- b. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a taxi to the station.
- c. We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the park and there we \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football.
- d. A. \_\_\_\_\_ (be/your lunch) good? B. No, it \_\_\_\_\_ (not be). I \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) the fish.
- e. The man in the street \_\_\_\_\_ (say) something to me, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) him.
- f. I \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) the doorbell and mother \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door.
- g. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter to her penfriend and I \_\_\_\_\_ (post) it.
- h. A. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/understand) the film? B. No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to understand, but the actors \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) very quickly.
- i. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) to school last week. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ill.
- j. A. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/buy) some clothes at the shopping centre? B. Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a T-shirt and a pair of jeans.
- k. A. \_\_\_\_\_ (he/enjoy) the party? No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) bored because he \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) many people.

### 2. Ask sentences in the past simple.

- a. When – you- go to bed yesterday?
- b. he- watch a video last night?
- c. I - not like the film very much.
- d. Peter- go home, have dinner and play with his brother.
- e. She – ask- me a question, but I- not know the answer.
- f. you- do the homework yesterday afternoon?
- g. My parents- not have a holiday last summer.
- i. Charles- be disappointed because he – not pass his driving test.

j. I- send a postcard to Paul when I- travel to England.

**3. Complete the conversation between two friends who are talking about their summer holidays.**

Paul. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) in the summer?

Sam. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on a tour of Europe.

Paul. \_\_\_\_\_ (it/be) expensive?

Sam. No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a railcard and it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) quite cheap.

Paul. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) on your own or with some friends?

Sam. My friend Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (come) with me.

Paul. How many countries \_\_\_\_\_ (you-visit)?

Sam. I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) seven countries. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a good time and I really \_\_\_\_\_ (love) all of them.

Paul. Which one \_\_\_\_\_ (you-like) most?

Sam. England, I think. The countryside \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fantastic and we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) lots of photographs.

Paul. When \_\_\_\_\_ (you- arrive) back home?

Sam. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) back last week.

Paul. \_\_\_\_\_ (you-buy) some presents?

Sam. Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ a T-shirt for my brother and another for you. Here you are.

**4. Complete the conversation with the past simple of the verb to be (affirmative or negative).**

Susan. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter at work yesterday?

Mary. No, he \_\_\_\_\_ in the office. He must be ill.

Tom. \_\_\_\_\_ you in Germany last year?

Henry. Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ in Munich on business and then my wife, my children and I \_\_\_\_\_ to Berlin on holiday.

Sarah. Alan and I \_\_\_\_\_ at home last weekend. We \_\_\_\_\_ at Paul's house in Brighton. It \_\_\_\_\_ lovely there.

Do you know Paul?

Tim. Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ at Paul's party in London last summer. \_\_\_\_\_ you there?

Sarah. No, we \_\_\_\_\_ there. Alan and I \_\_\_\_\_ in Majorca in the summer.