

12A Strangers on a train

Where did he see her?

He saw her on the train.


G simple past: regular and irregular verbs V regular and irregular verbs P irregular verbs

1 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION

regular and irregular verbs

- a Take the Verbs quiz with a partner.

VERBS QUIZ

- 1 Look at the **regular verbs** and answer the questions. 


arrive ask close exchange finish
look move open start stop
talk wait


- a Which verb doubles the final consonant before the -ed ending?
b Which four verbs only add -d?
c In which two verbs is the -ed ending pronounced /ɪd/?

- 2 Match the simple past of the **irregular verbs** to the verbs.

wrote bought sent sat
left said told saw


buy	<input type="text"/>	send	<input type="text"/>
leave	<input type="text"/>	sit	<input type="text"/>
say	<input type="text"/>	tell	<input type="text"/>
see	<input type="text"/>	write	<input type="text"/>

- b  **12.1** Listen and repeat the verbs in the quiz in the past tense.

- c  **12.2** Cover the quiz. Listen and say the verb in the past tense.

- 1  **say** (said)
2  **tell** (told)

2 READING & LISTENING

-  **12.3–12.4** Read and listen to the story. In pairs, ask and answer the questions after each part.

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12.3 Part 1

When the train stopped at the station, I opened my eyes and looked out of the window. I saw a woman on the platform. She was tall and blond with blue eyes. The train moved and I closed my eyes. It was 4:00 p.m. and the train was full.

"Excuse me. Can I sit here?" I opened my eyes again. It was the tall, blond woman.

"Sure," I answered. She sat down next to me. There was a nice smell. Chanel No. 5. I started to listen to music on my phone.

"I love Chopin."

"Sorry?" I said.

"You're listening to Chopin. I love classical music." She smiled. Her eyes were very blue.

We talked about music until the train arrived at Paddington Station. "Would you like a cup of coffee?" she asked me. I looked at my watch. "OK," I said. "I have time."

- Where did the man first see the woman?
- What was the woman's perfume?
- What did they talk about?
- What did the woman invite him to do when the train arrived?

12.4 Part 2

We bought two coffees at the station café. We sat down.

"My name's Olivia," she said.

"I'm David. I'm from Chicago. Nice to meet you. What do you do?" I asked.

"I work in property – flats and houses. What do you do?"

"I work for Citibank."

"That's interesting!" said Olivia. "Do you live in London?"

"Yes, but I'm new here. I moved to London last month. I have a flat in Chelsea."

"Wow! That's an expensive part of London!"

I looked at my watch. "Time to go. I have a tennis lesson this evening."

"I can drive you home," she said. "I live near Chelsea." I told her my address.



- 5 What's Olivia's job?
- 6 What's David's job?
- 7 Where do they live?
- 8 Why did David give Olivia his address?

Glossary
property land and buildings

3 GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Read the conversations and circle the correct form.

- 1 A Where did you go / went on Saturday?
B I go / went clothes shopping.
A What did you buy / bought?
B I buy / bought a new jacket.
A Did / Was it expensive?
B No, it didn't / wasn't.
- 2 A What did you do / did you last night?
B I was / went to the movies. I see / saw a new Japanese movie.
A Did / Was you like / liked it?
B No, I didn't like / didn't liked it very much. It was / were very slow.

b 12.5 Listen and check.

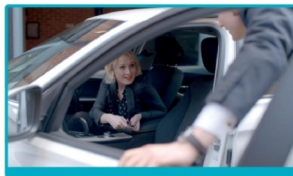
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d With a partner, retell Parts 1 and 2 of the story. Use the questions to help you.

- How did David meet Olivia?
- What did they talk about?
- What happened at Paddington Station?
- How did David get home from the station?

4 VIDEO LISTENING

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a 12.9 Watch or listen to *Strangers on a train* Part 3. Answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of car did Olivia have?
- 2 What did she have two tickets for?
- 3 Where did she want to meet him? What time?



b 12.10 Watch or listen to *Strangers on a train* Part 4. Answer the questions.

- 1 What time did David arrive at the concert hall?
- 2 What happened at 7:45? What did David do?
- 3 What did David do when the concert finished?
- 4 What did he do after that?
- 5 Why do you think Olivia didn't come to the concert?
- 6 What do you think David saw when he opened the door?

c 12.11 Watch or listen to Part 5, the end of the story. Do you think it was a good ending?

American and British English

American English	British English
apartment	flat
parking lot	car park
call (v.)	phone (v.)

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN 12A

p.132 Listen and repeat the words and phrases.

12A simple past: regular and irregular verbs

12.6 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

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I was at home last night.	I wasn't at home last night.
You were very late.	You weren't very late.
He was a teacher.	He wasn't a teacher.
She was in bed at 10:00.	She wasn't in bed at 10:00.
It was cold yesterday.	It wasn't cold yesterday.
You were tired last night.	You weren't tired last night.
We were in Spain in May.	We weren't in Spain in May.
They were nice rooms.	They weren't nice rooms.
Was she tired?	Yes, she was .
Were they at school?	No, they weren't .
Where were you at 8:00 this morning?	I was on the bus.

- was / were is the past of am / is / are.
- To make questions change the order:

She **was** at home.Was **she** at home?

12.7 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

Regular verbs

I played tennis yesterday.	I didn't play tennis yesterday.
They worked all weekend.	They didn't work all weekend.
Did you like the movie?	Yes, I did . No, I didn't .
Where did they stay in New York?	They stayed in a hotel on Fifth Avenue.

- For regular verbs add -ed or -d to the base form to make the simple past.

12.8 Listen and repeat the examples. Then read the rules.

Irregular verbs

I got up late yesterday.	I didn't get up late yesterday.
They had lunch at a restaurant.	They didn't have lunch at a restaurant.
Did you go on vacation last summer?	Yes, I did . No, I didn't .
Where did you go on vacation?	We went to Brazil.

- Some verbs are irregular in the simple past, e.g., go → went.
- To make negatives of regular and irregular verbs, we use didn't + the base form, e.g., I *didn't like* the movie. They *didn't go* to class.
- To make questions with regular and irregular verbs, we use Did + person + the base form, e.g., Did you like the movie? Did they go to class?
- Remember word order in questions:
auxiliary, subject, base form: Did she want to come?
question word, auxiliary, subject, base form: What time did they get up?
- There is a list of regular and irregular verbs on p.133.

Complete the story with the verbs in (parentheses) in the simple past ☐, ☐, or ☐.

Last summer my family and I went (go) to Colorado for a vacation. We ☐ (rent) a house in Glenwood Springs, in the western part of Colorado, about 150 miles from Denver. The weather ☐ (be) fantastic, hot and sunny during the day, but cold at night. We ☐ (do) different things every day. Sometimes we ☐ (go) to Vail or Aspen and ☐ (visit) parks and art galleries. On other days we ☐ (stay) in the house. It ☐ (have) a swimming pool in the yard, so the children ☐ (be) happy. One afternoon an old woman ☐ (arrive) at the door.

"Good afternoon," she ☐ (say). "I'm your neighbor. Are your children at home?"

"Yes," I ☐ (answer). "I think so. Why?"

"Because about an hour ago I ☐ (see) a small boy near town. I think he was your son."

I ☐ (look) out of the window. My daughter ☐ (be) in the swimming pool, but my son ☐ (not be) there.

"Where ☐ you ☐ (see) him?"

I ☐ (ask). "I ☐ you ☐ (talk) to him?"

"He was on the road to town, but I ☐ (not speak) to him," the old woman ☐ (say).

"Come on," I ☐ (tell) my husband. "We need to go to town."

The old woman ☐ (wait) at the house with my daughter and we ☐ (go) to town.

My son ☐ (be) outside a café. He ☐ (have) a big ice-cream cone in his hand.

"Why ☐ you ☐ (leave) the house?" I asked him. "We ☐ (be) really worried."

"I ☐ (want) an ice-cream cone," he said.

