

**G** simple past: regular and irregular verbs    **V** vacations    **P** regular verbs: -ed endings

## 1 GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

a Write the simple past of these verbs in the correct column.

argue begin arrive ask buy can choose eat  
feel invite rent say stay study

Regular

*argued* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Irregular

*began* \_\_\_\_\_

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b Rewrite the sentences with a negative verb.

1 We stayed in a hostel.

*We didn't stay* \_\_\_\_\_ in a hotel.

2 They bought some postcards.

They \_\_\_\_\_ any souvenirs.

3 The people were unfriendly.

The people \_\_\_\_\_ very helpful.

4 I swam in the ocean.

I \_\_\_\_\_ in the swimming pool.

5 We rented an apartment.

We \_\_\_\_\_ a car.

6 He spent a month in Bangkok.

He \_\_\_\_\_ a week there.

c Complete the text with the simple past form of verbs from the list.

arrive ask book cannot decide

go (x2) look take want

## THE VACATION THAT WASN'T

Four years ago, we <sup>1</sup>*decided* \_\_\_\_\_ to go away for the weekend. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Mexico, so we <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful apartment online. A week later, we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to the airport. We <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport at two o'clock, and we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to check-in. The woman at the desk <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us for our passports. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in our bags and in our coat pockets, but we <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ find them. So we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home again! It was a miserable weekend! 😞

d Read the text in c again. Complete the questions.

1 When *did they decide* \_\_\_\_\_ to go away for the weekend?

Four years ago.

2 Where \_\_\_\_\_ to go?

Mexico.

3 How \_\_\_\_\_ the apartment?

They booked it online.

4 What time \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport?

At two o'clock.

5 What \_\_\_\_\_ at check-in ask for?

The woman asked for their passports.

6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ in the end?

They went home.

## 2 PRONUNCIATION -ed endings

a **Circle** the verb that has a different -ed sound.

1 walked asked **rented**

2 argued wanted stayed

3 booked started decided

4 arrived invited called

5 waited cooked watched

b **2.1** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.



What were you doing at 5:30 yesterday afternoon?

- c The police are at an art gallery because someone stole a famous painting at 5:30 yesterday afternoon. What were the people in the pictures doing at the time? Write sentences.



1 clean Gallery 6

I was cleaning Gallery 6.



2 try to find the exit

We \_\_\_\_\_



3 close the windows

I \_\_\_\_\_



4 wash the coffee cups

We \_\_\_\_\_



5 count the money

I \_\_\_\_\_



6 What were you doing at 5:30 yesterday?

I \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 PRONUNCIATION weak forms: was, were

- a Read the sentences. Are **was** and **were** stressed or unstressed? Write **S** for stressed and **U** for unstressed.

- 1 My mom took this photo when we **were** traveling in Malaysia. U
- 2 We met our new neighbors yesterday. They **weren't** very friendly. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What **were** you doing when I called you? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **A Was** Matt at home last night? \_\_\_\_\_  
**B No, he wasn't.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 **A It was** a great party. \_\_\_\_\_  
**B Was** it at Kim's house? \_\_\_\_\_  
**A Yes, it was.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There **were** lots of people at the supermarket. \_\_\_\_\_

- b 2.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.