**Simple past: regular and irregular verbs: Activity 1**

Read Grammar Bank 2A. Then complete the text with the simple past form of the verbs. Use contractions where you can. Listen and check.

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| Grammar Bank  **2A** simple past: regular and irregular verbs  EXAMPLES  **regular**  [+] We **stayed** at a hotel last summer.  [–] He **didn't stay** with friends.  [?] **Did** you **stay** for the weekend?  [✓] [✗] Yes, I **did**. / No I **didn't**.  Wh [?] Where **did** you **stay**?  **irregular**  [+] I **went** to Turkey twice last year.  [–] She **didn't go** to Thailand.  [?] **Did** you **go** to Montreal?  [✓] [✗] Yes, I **did**. / No I **didn't**.  Wh [?] Why **did** you **go**?  FORM   * We use the simple past to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past. * The form for the simple past is the same for all persons. * To make the simple past [+] of regular verbs add -*ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart. * Many verbs are irregular in simple past [+], e.g., *go →* ***went***, *see →* ***saw***. * We use *didn't* + base form for negatives and *Did*... + subject + base form for questions. * Remember: auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., Did you go out last night? or question word, auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., Where did you go?   SPELLING RULES  work *→* work**ed**, stay *→* stay**ed**   add -e*d*  like *→* like**d**   add -*d* if verb finishes in *e*  study *→* stud**ied**   *y* → *ied* after a consonant  stop*→* stop**ped**   if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant |

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| Two summers ago, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) on vacation to Canada. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) there from Chicago, but our car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) down on the highway, and we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the first night in Detroit. When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) to Toronto, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to our hotel, but they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not can) find our reservation, and they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be)  full. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not know) what to do, but in the end, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) a Bed and Breakfast, and we\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) there for the week. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the Casa Loma castle and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a lot of souvenirs.  We  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go to Niagara Falls, but we  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not have) much time, and it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) about an hour and a half away. The weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not be) very good – it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) raining on the day we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) Chicago, and it never  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop)! |  |

**Simple past: regular and irregular verbs: Activity 2**

Read Grammar Bank 2A. Then complete the questions, using the correct simple past form of the verbs in bold. Listen and check.

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| Grammar Bank  **2A** simple past: regular and irregular verbs  EXAMPLES  **regular**  [+] We **stayed** at a hotel last summer.  [–] He **didn't stay** with friends.  [?] **Did** you **stay** for the weekend?  [✓] [✗] Yes, I **did**. / No I **didn't**.  Wh [?] Where **did** you**stay**?  **irregular**  [+] I **went** to Turkey twice last year.  [–] She **didn't go** to Thailand.  [?] **Did** you **go** to Montreal?  [✓] [✗] Yes, I **did**. / No I **didn't**.  Wh [?] Why **did** you **go**?  FORM   * We use the simple past to talk about finished actions that happened once or more than once in the past. * The form for the simple past is the same for all persons. * To make the simple past [+] of regular verbs add -*ed*. See the spelling rules in the chart. * Many verbs are irregular in simple past [+], e.g., *go →****went***, *see →****saw***. * We use *didn't* + base form for negatives and *Did*... + subject + base form for questions. * Remember: auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., Did you go out last night? or question word, auxiliary, subject, base form, e.g., Where did you go?   SPELLING RULES  work*→* work**ed**, stay*→* stay**ed**   add -e*d*  like *→* like**d**   add -*d* if verb finishes in *e*  study*→* stud**ied**   *y* → *ied* after a consonant  stop*→* stop**ped**   if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant |

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| **1.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on vacation last year?      I **went** to Vancouver. **2.**  Wow! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a good time?      Yes, we **had** a great time. **3.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with?      I **went** with my family. **4.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?      We **stayed** in a hotel. **5.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?      The plane tickets **cost** about $800. **6.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the weather like?      It **was** hot and sunny. **7.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the evening?      We usually **went** to a restaurant for dinner. **8.**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there?      We **were** there for three weeks. |  |

**Vacations: Activity 1**

Listen and read. Match the verb phrases to the correct pictures.

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| 1. go abroad |  |
| 2. go away for the weekend |  |
| 3. go by bus |  |
| 4. go camping |  |
| 5. go for a walk |  |
| 6. go on vacation |  |
| 7. go out at night |  |
| 8. go sightseeing |  |
| 9. go skiing |  |
| 10. go swimming |  |

**Vacations: Activity 2**

Complete the phrases with the verbs in the box. Then listen and check.

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| rent have sunbathe spend take buy  book stay |  |

1.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a hotel / at a campsite / with friends

2.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ photos

3.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ souvenirs

4.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the beach

5.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a good time

6.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money

7.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a ﻿bi﻿cycle

8.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a flight online

**Vacations: Activity 3**

Match the questions and answers. Then listen, check, and repeat.

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| **1**  What was the weather like? **2**  What was the hotel like? **3**  What was the town like? **4**  What were the people like?  \_\_\_ It was comfortable / luxurious.   It was basic / dirty / uncomfortable. \_\_\_ They were friendly / helpful.   They were unfriendly / unhelpful. \_\_\_ It was beautiful / nice.   It was noisy / crowded. \_\_\_ It was warm / sunny.    It was very windy / foggy / cloudy. |  |

**Regular verbs: *-ed* endings**

Listen and check the words where -ed is pronounced /ɪd/. Then listen and repeat.

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| * ask**ed** * call**ed** * check**ed** * decid**ed** * happen**ed** * liv**ed** * rent**ed** * start**ed** * stopp**ed** * thank**ed** * want**ed** |  |

**Vacations: Activity 1**

Listen to five speakers talking about vacations. Choose the correct answers.



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| 1. Which sentence is true for all five speakers?  * They traveled to a foreign country. * They didn't enjoy their vacation. * They had terrible weather. * They went on vacation alone.  1. How did all five speakers feel about their vacation destinations?  * They found it expensive. * They thought it was boring. * They didn't want to be there. * They didn't like the people. |  |

**Vacations: Activity 2**

Listen again and match the speakers 1–5 to the sentences a–e.

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| Speaker **1**   \_\_\_ Speaker **2**   \_\_\_ Speaker **3**   \_\_\_ Speaker **4**   \_\_\_ Speaker **5**   \_\_\_    **a** He / She didn't have a very exciting weekend. **b**  He / She wasn't with the people he / she wanted to be with. **c**  He / She chose a vacation destination because of the weather there. **d**  He / She went on vacation after a relationship ended. **e**  He / She didn't feel well when he / she was on vacation. |  |