

Past simple of *to be*; *There was/There were*; Past simple of *can*; Past simple: affirmative, negative and questions

1 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 Jack was on holiday in Mexico last week.
- 2 They was at the cinema last night. They saw the new Bond film.
- 3 There wasn't a lot of people on the plane.
- 4 There was a souvenir shop next to our hotel.
- 5 Where was you on Saturday?
- 6 When was his exam?

2 Complete the sentences with *could/couldn't* and these verbs.

reserve • find • send • speak • travel • buy

- 1 When I was six I Italian, but I can now.
- 2 My grandmother emails when she was young because there wasn't the Internet!
- 3 They lots of cheap souvenirs, including shortbread.
- 4 Freddie his tickets online, so we can do the same.
- 5 We our passports, so we missed our flight.
- 6 I much when I was a student because money was a problem.

3 Complete the sentences with these verbs in the past simple. There is one extra verb.

want • eat • stay • spend • catch • travel • like

- 1 We some delicious food.
- 2 They the train to the beach.
- 3 I three weeks in Australia last year.
- 4 She to see the ancient temple.
- 5 He in one of the best hotels in town.
- 6 You to five countries in one month.

4 Complete the sentences in the negative past simple of the verbs given.

- 1 We (book) a ticket yesterday because we were busy.
- 2 My parents (be) happy when they lost their luggage.
- 3 Elsie (go) sightseeing because she was tired.
- 4 I (be) on the bus at 11 o'clock. I was at home.
- 5 Oliver (buy) a souvenir because they were too expensive.
- 6 We (take) a taxi because the underground was faster.

5 Complete the past simple questions with the verbs given.

- 1 (you/visit) France a month ago?
- 2 (she/be) in Greece last year?
- 3 (Alex/bring) his passport?
- 4 (be) there a tour guide at the castle?
- 5 (we/go) there three years ago?
- 6 (they/be) tired after the flight?

6 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

buy • go • eat • try • stay • take • go • be • can
build • visit • fly • arrive • travel • be • go • not
have • not take • speak • be

- A: (1) on holiday last year?
- B: Yes, we did. We (2) to Moscow for a long weekend in September. We (3) early on Friday morning and it (4) a wonderful trip. We (5) to the city and then (6) by train and metro. We (7) taxis at all. The Moscow metro is very good and the stations are beautiful. We (8) in a hotel near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is an incredible skyscraper that the Russians (9) in the 1950s. We (10) a bus tour around the city and we (11) on a boat trip along the river. We (12) Red Square and the Kremlin. They (13) both very interesting, but there (14) quite a lot of tourists. We (15) Russian food, which was delicious, and we (16) some souvenirs. We (17) any time to relax!
- A: (18) any Russian?
- B: We (19) to speak a few words of Russian, but lots of Russians spoke English well, so we (20) communicate easily.