Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple form of *be* or *can*.

1 It …………………………………………… very sunny last weekend.

2 We walked a long way yesterday so we ……………………………………………… tired when we got home.

3 The water was very cold at the swimming pool so we ……………………………………………… swim.

4 How many people ……………………………………………… on the plane?

5 He told me where I ……………………………………………… buy tickets, but I couldn’t find the place.

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2 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence is correct.

1 Last morning, I did my homework before lunch.

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2 We did see some beautiful buildings in Prague.

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3 I couldn’t understood the English teacher today.

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4 The day before yesterday, we went to London by train.

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5 Why was you at home this morning?

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3 Complete the short dialogues with the correct past simple form of these verbs.

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1 A: You’ve got a lot of bags!

B:Yes. We ……………………… a lot of food for the party

at the supermarket this morning.

2 A: Can you come to the cinema this evening?

B:No, sorry. Our teacher ……………………… us lots of

homework today so I have to stay at home.

3 A: How was your holiday?

B:Great. I really ……………………… Spain!

4 A: I ……………………… a programme about Mexico on TV

last night.

B:Yes. There are some amazing places there.

5 A: The food in Italy is fantastic, isn’t it?

B:Yes. I ……………………… lots of pizza, pasta and ice

cream. I must do some exercise now!

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4 Complete the email with one word in each gap.

Hi Simon,

How are you? Are you working hard? I am, too, but yesterday it was my birthday so we (1) ……………………… to a football match at the Emirates Stadium. It was very fast and exciting. And my team (2) ……………………… the match! I was so happy!

Our seats (3) ……………………… near the pitch, but we (4) ……………………… see everything really well. After the match we waited a long time because I wanted to see the players. I was lucky. One of them spoke to me! My dad (5) ……………………… a photo of us together. He also bought me a team shirt with my name on and the player wrote a birthday message on it.

See you soon.

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with words for nationalities.

1 We often go to Greece on holiday. My mum loves ……………………… food.

2 Baseball is an ……………………… game. We went to a game when we were in the United States.

3 My dad wants to go to Turkey for our holiday. He knows some ……………………… words.

4 My aunt went to Peru last year and now she always drinks ……………………… coffee.

5 Hogmanay is a big celebration in Scotland. It is the name for the ……………………… New Year.

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6 Complete the sentences with words related to holidays.

1 We went on a p……………………… holiday last year. The price included the flight, the hotel and all our meals.

2 My dad lost his l……………………… at the airport. He had to go shopping for clothes when he got to Moscow.

3 The t……………………… to the pyramids took three hours, but it was really good.

4 I don’t really like like walking around and s……………………… in cities. I prefer beach holidays.

5 I read the g……………………… before we went so I knew all about the city and the places to go.

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7 Complete the sentences with words related to transport.

1 My dad says we can go to America by sea on a   
big ……………………… .

2 My brother has got a moped, but he wants to get a ……………………… now.

3 When we moved to a new house last summer, we needed two ……………………… for our furniture.

4 The police use special ……………………… to follow criminals from the air.

5 I don’t like going to school on the ……………………… because you can’t see outside.

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8 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

We went to China last year. When we arrived we took a   
(1) ……………………… to the hotel. The driver couldn’t speak English and we don’t speak (2) ……………………… . But we found the hotel in the end. We visited three cities. China is very big so we had to take a really fast (3) ……………………… . It takes too long by bus or coach. We did a lot of things, but my favourite was an (4) ……………………… to the Great Wall. It was amazing. This year my mum booked some plane   
(5) ……………………… to Turkey and a nice hotel near the sea.

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Use of English

9 Choose the best answers (A, B, or C) to complete the text.

**My favourite holiday**

My favourite holiday was when I was five years old. My mum and dad (1) ……………………… me and my brother to Sweden for a winter holiday. We went (2) ……………………… ship. It took two days and I (3) ……………………… very ill, but it (4) ……………………… very exciting!

When we arrived in Sweden, it was very cold and we   
(5) ……………………… a lot of snow. We (6) ……………………… for a long time and then we (7) ……………………… to a small house. It was beautiful. There were five houses and   
a shop near our house. There wasn’t a TV so we   
(8) ……………………… watch films, but we (9) ……………………… games with Mum and Dad. One day, we   
(10) ……………………… skiing. It was the best holiday of my life!

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Reading

10 Read the blog posts about holidays. Match the questions (1–6) with the people (A–C).

Which persons …

1 had nothing to do at night? ………………………

2 visited places away from the hotel? ………………………

3 liked the people at the hotel? ………………………

4 went swimming at the beach a lot? ………………………

5 wasn’t happy with their room? ………………………

6 wanted to go shopping? ………………………

**A Jane**

We stayed at the Stella Hotel in Malaga in Spain. We had a fantastic holiday. We loved the hotel and the people were very kind to us. We went swimming every day at the lovely beach. It was only two minutes from the hotel. The rooms in the hotel were very comfortable and the food in the dining room was good. We ate a lot of chips and pizza! There weren’t any Spanish dishes on the menu, but that wasn’t a big problem.

**B Robert**

We went to a small town in Turkey and stayed in the Hotel Nova. I didn’t like it because I had to stay in the same room as my brother. Our room was very small and there wasn’t a TV! We couldn’t see the sea from the window, but I liked the swimming pool. That was good. There weren’t any excursions, so we took a taxi to visit interesting places, but it wasn’t expensive. We saw some amazing places.

**C Caroline**

We went to France and stayed in the Hotel Belle Vue in Cannes. It was a beautiful hotel with lots of trees and flowers. It was near the beach, but I preferred the pool at the hotel. There weren’t any shops near the hotel. We wanted to buy some souvenirs, but we couldn’t. We bought postcards, but they were all pictures of the hotel! The hotel was very busy, but after dinner in the evening there wasn’t anything to do.   
It was really boring. There were TVs in the rooms, but the programmes were in French and we couldn’t understand them!

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11 Read the blog posts again and choose the best answers, A, B, C or D.

1 It was ……………………… from the Stella Hotel to   
the beach.

**A** a lovely walk

**B** a long way

**C** a short distance

**D** 20 minutes

2 The Stella Hotel didn’t serve any ……………………… .

**A** local food

**B** fast food

**C** English food

**D** food Jane liked

3 Robert wasn’t happy because ……………………… .

**A** he didn’t like the beach

**B** he didn’t have enough space

**C** the swimming pool was too small

**D** everything was expensive

4 Robert and his family took a taxi to ……………………… .

**A** get to the beach

**B** go shopping

**C** go on excursions

**D** go sightseeing

5 There weren’t any shops so Caroline ……………………… .

**A** didn’t buy anything to take home

**B** couldn’t buy any food

**C** didn’t find any postcards

**D** was very happy

6 The ……………………… only had pictures of the hotel.

**A** TV

**B** souvenirs

**C** postcards

**D** programmes

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12 Read the blog posts again and write the name of the person who ...

1 preferred swimming at the beach. ………………………

2 didn't have a good time in the evenings. ………………………

3 did a lot of sightseeing. ………………………

4 wasn't staying near the sea. ………………………

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Listening

13 button.jpg Listen to a conversation about a holiday. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 The tickets to New York were expensive. T/F

2 They went to the Statue of Liberty by boat. T/F

3 Kathy’s mum nearly lost the tickets. T/F

4 Julie had a seat by the window. T/F

5 Kathy didn’t sleep on the plane home. T/F

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14 button.jpg Listen again and complete the sentences with between one and three words in each gap.

1 Kathy and her family stayed for ………………………………………………………… in New York.

2 Kathy bought ………………………………………………………… in New York.

3 It took ………………………………………………………… to get to the airport.

4 Kathy’s mum left the plane tickets ………………………………………………………….

5 The bread on the plane was ………………………………………………………….

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Writing

15 Imagine that you went to another country on holiday last year. Your friend is planning to visit the same place and wants to know what it was like. Write an email to your friend saying what you did and why you liked it.

Write 35–50 words.

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Speaking

16 Imagine that you have been on holiday to London. Look at the photos and describe your holiday.

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