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1 Complete the sentences with the past simple or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- The crowd decided (decide) to leave after the band had played (play) two encores.
- The support act said they were (be) very happy to be invited and that they had practised (practise) all their songs every day.
- We chose (choose) that campsite because we had stayed (stay) there the two previous summers.
- Everyone said they loved (love) the party even though we hadn't put up (not put up) many decorations.
- She didn't arrive (not arrive) at the parade on time because she hadn't finished (not finish) making her costume by the time it started.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

ask be not realise not want
plan rain tell travel

Thousands of people said they ¹ were / had been angry when the Summer Nights Music Festival was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. The concert was planned to start on Saturday but it ² had rained heavily for the previous three days and the venue was flooded. Some people ³ had travelled to the festival site the night before and were waiting for the gates to open when the organisers ⁴ told them it was cancelled. Many people said they ⁵ were going to ask for their money back. Members of the bands who ⁶ had planned to perform were also upset, including the headlining band, The Dreaded Locks, who said they ⁷ hadn't realised the weather in England could be so bad in summer and that they ⁸ didn't want to play there again!

3 Read the interview with a singer. Rewrite it as a newspaper article using reported speech.

- INTERVIEWER** So, Ted, what made you decide to become a singer?
- TED** When I was a kid, I always sang at parties. Then my parents decided to send me to a singing school, which I still regularly visit.
- INTERVIEWER** Wow! Then you were discovered on *Britain's Stars*.
- TED** Yes, and I've always been very thankful for that because I didn't have a job at that time.
- INTERVIEWER** That's great. Where are you planning to play your next concert?
- TED** I haven't decided yet.
- INTERVIEWER** Are you writing any new songs at the moment?
- TED** Actually, it's a secret!

I interviewed Ted Keeran last week after his gig at the Happy Days Festival.

- First I asked him about his childhood and he told me he had always sung at parties when he was a kid.
- Then he said his parents had sent him to a singing school which he still regularly visits.
- He was discovered on *Britain's Stars* and told me he had always been thankful for that because he didn't have a job at that time.
- I asked him about his plans for his next concert, but he told me he hadn't decided yet. Then I asked him about new songs and he told me it was a secret.

4 In your notebook, write an interview with your favourite singer or band as a newspaper article using reported speech.

*Last week I interviewed ... about ...
He / She / They told me ...*

Students' own answers