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G past simple regular and irregular verbs

V holidays

P -ed endings, irregular verbs

When did you go there?
I went when I was 17.

Right place, wrong time

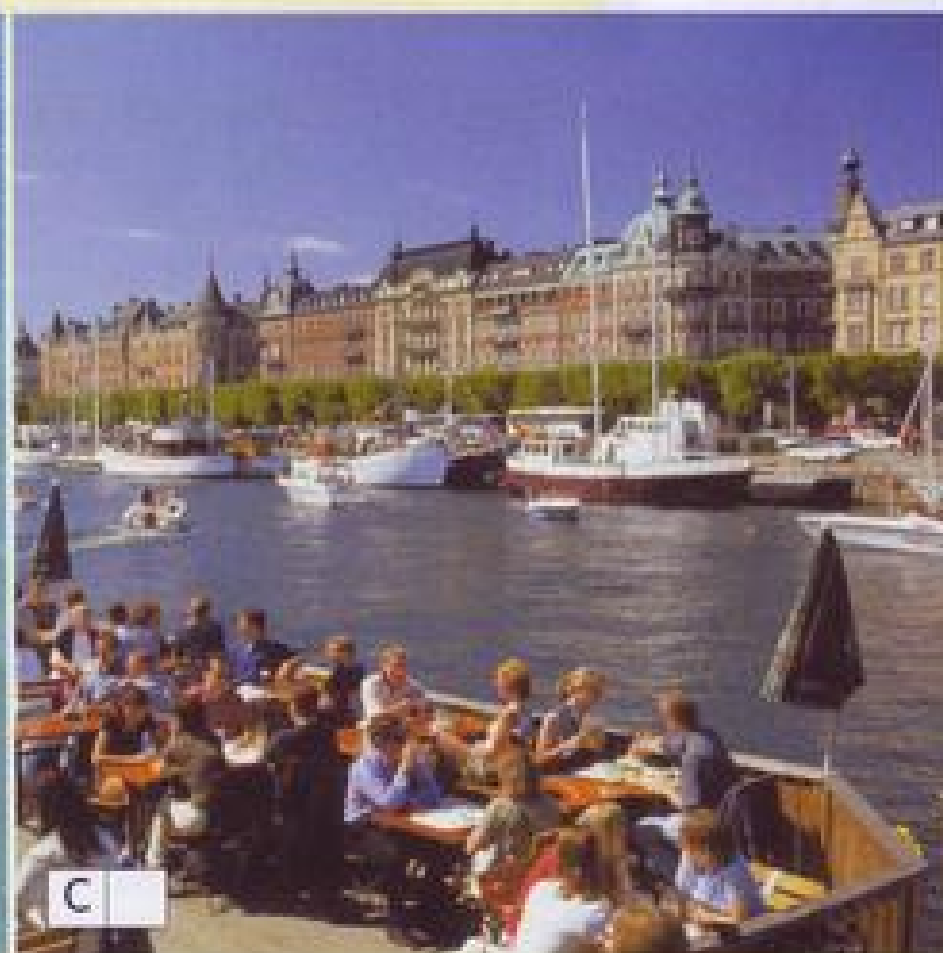
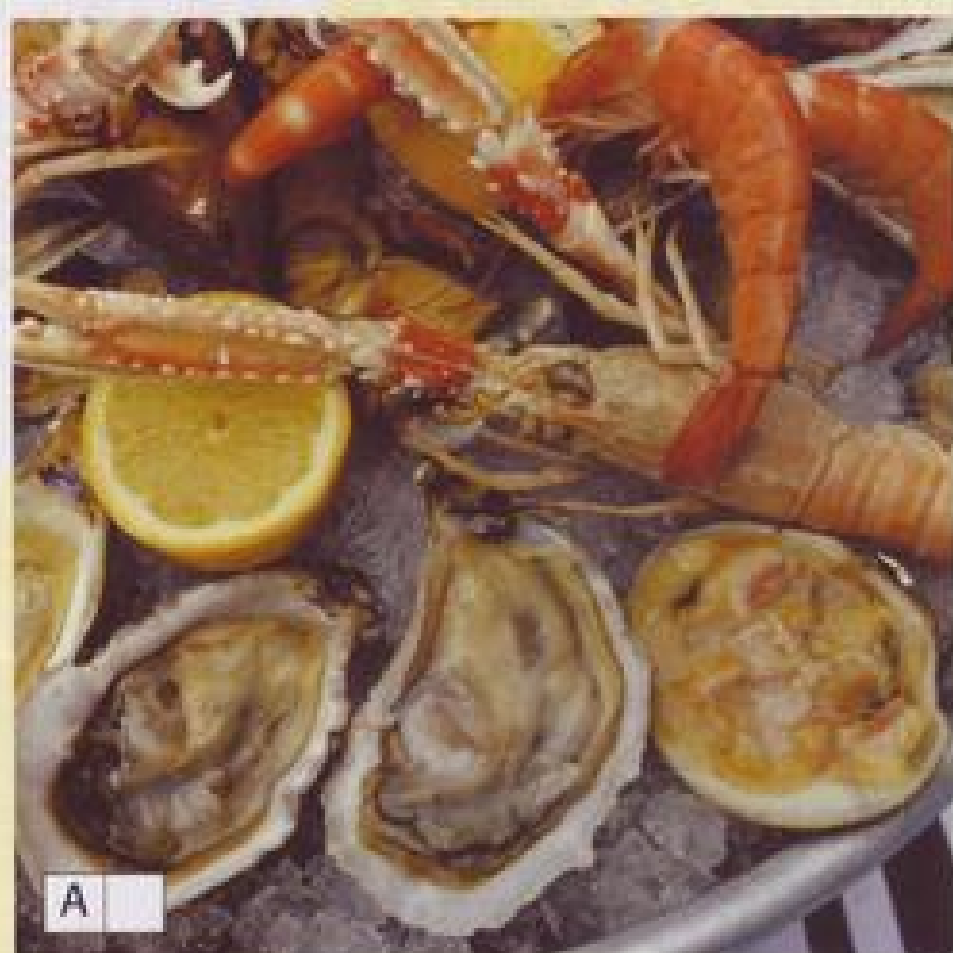
1 VOCABULARY holidays

a In one minute, write down five things you like doing when you're on holiday.

b  p.147 Vocabulary Bank *Holidays*.

The Holiday Magazine

In the right place... but at the wrong time!



Last week we asked you to tell us about a holiday when the destination was perfect but, for some reason, the time wasn't right... Here are some of your replies.

1 Tim, 20, student from Manchester
When I was a teenager I went on holiday with my parents to Brittany in France. My parents rented a lovely house on the beach, and the weather was great. But I was 17, and I didn't want to be on holiday with my mum and dad and my little brother. I wanted to be with my friends. We went to the beach every day and sunbathed and we went to a fantastic seafood restaurant for my birthday. But I was miserable and I hated every minute of it. I didn't smile once in two weeks. What really made me furious was that my parents let my older sister, who was 19, go to Spain with her friends.

2 Gabriela, 28, marketing manager from Rome
I'm from Rome and the summer here is really hot. So last year my husband and I decided to go to Sweden, to escape from the heat. We booked a 10-day holiday in Stockholm, where the temperature in the summer is normally about 20 degrees. But when we got to Stockholm there was a heatwave and it was 35 degrees every day. It was awful because there was no air-conditioning anywhere. We couldn't sleep at night – it was boiling in the hotel, and in the shops and museums too. We didn't want to go shopping or go sightseeing or do anything – we were too hot. We just sat in cafés and argued all day. We didn't need to go to Sweden to do that!

3 Kelly, 26, TV journalist from Belfast
Three years ago I broke up with my boyfriend and I decided to go on holiday on my own to the Seychelles. My travel agent told me that it was a wonderful place. But he didn't tell me that it was also a very popular place for people on their honeymoon. Everywhere I looked I saw couples holding hands and looking romantically into each other's eyes! The travel agent also said it was always sunny there – but the weather was terrible – it was cloudy and very windy. To pass the time I decided to do a diving course (one of my lifetime ambitions). But it was a complete disaster because the first time I went under the water I had a panic attack. I couldn't escape from the island so I spent an incredibly boring (and expensive) two weeks in 'paradise'.

2 READING

- a Read the three letters to *The Holiday Magazine* and match them with the photos.
- b Complete the sentences with **Tim**, **Gabriela**, or **Kelly**.
- _____ wanted to go somewhere hot.
 - _____ wanted to go somewhere cool.
 - _____ had great food.
 - _____ wanted to forget somebody.
 - _____ had problems sleeping.
 - _____ wanted to go on holiday with different people.

- c Find four adjectives in the article that mean *very good* and two that mean *very bad*. Underline the stressed syllable.

lovely (text 1)

3 GRAMMAR past simple regular and irregular

- a What's the past simple of these verbs? Are they regular or irregular? Check your answers with text 1.

be _____ go _____ rent _____
 want _____ sunbathe _____ make _____ let _____


- b Now underline the other + past simple verbs in texts 2 and 3. What are the infinitives?


- c Underline two negative past simple verbs in the magazine article. How do you make negatives and questions in the past simple...?



- with normal verbs
- with *was / were*
- with *could*

- d  p.128 **Grammar Bank 2A**. Read the rules and do the exercises.

4 PRONUNCIATION regular and irregular verbs

 Remember! There are three possible pronunciations of regular *-ed* verbs.

- a  2.1 Listen and repeat the sentences. When do you pronounce the *e* in *-ed*?

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|  |  | /ɪd/ |
| We booked a holiday. We walked to the hotel. | We sunbathed. We argued all day. | They rented a house. We decided to go to Sweden. |

- b How do you pronounce the past simple of these verbs?

ask hate need smile stay talk

- c  2.2 Listen and check.


- d Circle the irregular verb with the different vowel sound.

- bought saw told caught
- put spoke took could
- paid said made came



Ibiza

5 LISTENING

- a  2.3 Listen to the story about Sean's uncle and aunt. Why was the holiday a disaster?

- Because the weather was awful.
- Because the place was very noisy.
- Because they argued a lot.

- b Listen again. Correct the wrong information.

- Sean went to Ibiza.
His aunt and uncle went to Ibiza.
- They're about sixty.
- They wanted an exciting holiday.
- They usually spend their holidays abroad.
- They knew it was 'The Party Island'.
- They first went there in the 1950s.
- They booked the holiday at a travel agent's.
- The hotel was in a quiet part of town.
- They're going to go abroad again next year.

6 SPEAKING

- a Think about your answers to these questions.

Your last holiday

Where / go? When?

Who / go with?

How / get there?

Where / stay?

How long / be / there?

/ have good weather?

What / do during the day?

What / do at night?

/ have a good time?

/ have any problems?

- b Work in pairs.

A Ask a partner about his / her holiday.

B Listen and ask for more information.

- c Swap roles.

