

Vocabulary		Structures
Present	Past	<p>Where did you grow up? I grew up in (New Delhi).</p> <p>When did you finish your college course? I graduated two years ago</p>
Go	Went	
Have	Had	
Take	Took	
Get	Got	
Come	Came	
Leave	Left	
See	Saw	
Speak	Spoke	
Buy	Bought	
Meet	Met	

Reading 2.2

MEET ...

Ania Kowalska

Ania Kowalska is Polish. She grew up in Poznan. When she left school she went to college in Warsaw, where she studied chemistry for three years. After she graduated, she took a year off – an experience she really enjoyed.



"I just stopped for a year and traveled around. I won't give you a boring list of the places I visited, but I saw quite a lot of Europe, North America and some places in South America. It really opened my eyes, and I met some interesting people. I did about 64,374 kilometers (40,000 miles), always as cheaply as possible, on buses, trains and low-cost flights. Even so, I don't want to think about how much it cost. I spent a lot of my parents' money! But I paid it all back – eventually."

When Ania came back three years ago, she needed to find her first job. And, thanks to her excellent qualifications and dynamic personality, she made a good impression on Stennfield Research's human resources team and immediately found a position at our center in Dublin. Ania admits that before she began her travels, she never really thought about moving away from Poland, but says that after she returned, the world seemed a much smaller place. She recently bought a house outside Dublin and says she now feels at home in Ireland.

2.2 Follow-up

Look at 1–5 below and read the newsletter in Reading 2.2. Are the sentences true or false?

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 When Ania was a child, she lived in Poznan. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 2 Ania took a one-year break between school and college. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 3 Ania's traveling cost a lot because she bought expensive tickets. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 4 Ania paid for the cost of her trip when she came home. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 5 Ania always wanted to live and work in a foreign country. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |

Practice Exercise 1

Use the words below to complete the questions in 1–8.

get get graduate grow have leave move study

- 1 Did you _____ up in this region?
- 2 Is it difficult to get a job when you _____ college?
- 3 Where did you _____ married?
- 4 How many children do you _____ ?
- 5 Is your new house built? When are you going to _____ ?
- 6 Why do you want to _____ history?
- 7 Do you think you'll _____ promoted?
- 8 When did you _____ from college?


Practice Exercise 2

Complete the text below from a web forum. Use the correct forms of the words.

Forum

http://www.forum.com

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ANSWERS

Follow-up 2.2

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F

Practice Exercise 1

1. Went
2. Took
3. Had
4. Got
5. Came
6. Left
7. Met
8. Spoke
9. Bought

Practice Exercise 2

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