

UNIT 3

Language focus

1 Past Simple regular verbs

Complete the interview with an international photographer. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.



INTERVIEWER Anne-Marie Colville is a photographer, and she travels all over the world. Anne-Marie, tell us about your work.

ANNE-MARIE Well, you're right, I travel a lot. Last month, for example, I worked ¹ (work) in three different parts of Africa.

INTERVIEWER Which places _____ you _____ ² (visit)?

ANNE-MARIE I _____ ³ (start) in Cape Town. My agency _____ ⁴ (need) some pictures of a big, international meeting.

INTERVIEWER How long _____ you _____ ⁵ (stay) there?

ANNE-MARIE Five days.

INTERVIEWER _____ you _____ ⁶ (return) to Paris?

ANNE-MARIE Well, I _____ ⁷ (arrive) at the airport, but then the agency _____ ⁸ (call) me. They _____ ⁹ (want) pictures of a national park in Kenya.

INTERVIEWER _____ you _____ ¹⁰ (agree) to go?

ANNE-MARIE Sure. I just _____ ¹¹ (change) my flight. It was a nice job. The pictures were good too.

INTERVIEWER So what then?

ANNE-MARIE Then the agency _____ ¹² (suggest) another African job. That was a trip to Addis Ababa for some pictures of the great Ethiopian runner, Haile Gebrselassie.

2 Past Simple regular and irregular verbs

Complete the magazine article. Use the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

HAILE GEBRSELESSIE:

A MAN WITH TWO CHALLENGES



Haile *grew* ¹ (grow) up on a small farm in the mountains of Ethiopia. The long run to school every day ² (help) to make him the world's best distance runner. At sixteen years old, he ³ (run) his first important marathon. At seventeen, he ⁴ (go) to live with his older brother in the capital, Addis Ababa. There, he ⁵ (begin) training full-time.

A few months later, in 1991, Ethiopia ⁶ (choose) Haile to run for his country. The next year, he ⁷ (become) the world junior champion at 5,000 and 10,000 metres. The year after that, he ⁸ (win) again – as a senior. That ⁹ (make) him a national hero and an international superstar.

During the 1990s, he ¹⁰ (break) many records – mostly his own! In 2003, at the age of twenty-

nine, he still ¹¹ (have) the power to break the two-mile world record.

Early in the 1990s, Haile ¹² (accept) a very different challenge. Ethiopia is a poor country, with a lot of unemployment. Haile ¹³ (decide) to use money from his running to help his country. He ¹⁴ (open) a café and a construction company with his brothers. These businesses ¹⁵ (create) jobs for 300 people. He was very happy and very proud.

3 Past time expressions

Give true answers to these questions. Use the time expressions in the box.

Last night / week / weekend / month
The day / night / week before last

On Monday / Tuesday ...
Yesterday

1 When did you last do some exercise?

Yesterday, I played a game of tennis. / The night before last, I went running for an hour. / Last weekend, I did some training at the gym.

2 When did you last have a holiday?

3 When did you last see a good film at the cinema?

4 When did you last go to a concert?

5 When did you last listen to the radio?

6 When did you last read a good book?

4 Past Simple questions

A television presenter interviewed two businesspeople. Use the words in brackets to write the questions.

LUCY Welcome to *Business Challenge*. I'm Lucy Long, and tonight I'm asking some entrepreneurs how they began. Sita Gupta, tell us about your Internet cafés. *Did you start SG Intercafés alone?* ^{1?}
(alone / SG Intercafés / you / start / did)

SITA No, I had some technical help with the computers from my brother, Ranjit.

LUCY _____ ^{2?}
(big / there / any / were / problems)

SITA Well, money was a big problem.

LUCY _____ ^{3?}
(the / did / bank / much / help)

SITA No, it didn't help much in the first year. It was a really difficult time.

LUCY _____ ^{4?}
(fast / grow / that / after / business / the / did)

SITA Yes, it did. I opened two more Internet cafés in London in the second year, and we now have cafés in several cities in Europe.



LUCY And now Bill Sullivan, head of Forest Housing. _____ ^{5?}
(company / did / start / your / you / when)

BILL About five years ago.

LUCY _____ ^{6?}
(you / it / why / Housing / call / Forest / did)

BILL I chose the name because our houses are made of wood from the forests of Sweden. They're a Swedish design.

LUCY Sita's big problem in her first year was money. _____ ^{7?}
(problems / have / what / you / did)

BILL One big problem was people. It was very hard to find the right people with the right skills.

5 Past Simple questions

One of Bill Sullivan's problems was his first agent in Sweden, Ted Ross. Read Ted's email to Bill. Then complete Bill's reply. Use the question words to write the questions.

From: Ross, T
Date: 04 April 09:45
To: Sullivan, B
Subject: Visits to suppliers

Dear Bill

I went to various places¹ in the north last week, and I visited one of your suppliers². I talked to somebody³ in Sales, and she was unhappy about our last payment⁴. Anyway, I dealt with the problem⁵, and everything is OK. I also visited some possible new suppliers⁶. One supplier sent you information⁷ about their products last year⁸, and the Director said he met you⁹ a few months ago. He wanted to do business and offered a discount¹⁰ for a large order.


From: Sullivan, B
Date: 04 April 10:25
To: Ross, T
Subject: Re: Visits to suppliers


Dear Ted

Thanks for your email. Can you give me some more information, please?

- 1 Where did you go _____ ?
- 2 Which supplier _____ ?
- 3 Who _____ ?
- 4 Why _____ ?
- 5 How _____ ?
- 6 What _____ ?
- 7 Which _____ ?
- 8 When _____ ?
- 9 Where _____ ?
- 10 How much _____ ?

6 Practice drills: Past Simple

 **3.1, 3.2** Follow the instructions on the Student's CD/Cassette. If necessary, refer to the Listening scripts on p.80.

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Pronunciation -ed endings in the Past Simple

Read the verbs aloud and tick (✓) the correct column.

	/d/	/t/	/ɪd/
1 asked	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 complained	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
3 decided	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 faxed	_____	_____	_____
5 lasted	_____	_____	_____
6 picked	_____	_____	_____
7 played	_____	_____	_____
8 reported	_____	_____	_____
9 returned	_____	_____	_____
10 stopped	_____	_____	_____
11 travelled	_____	_____	_____
12 visited	_____	_____	_____

 **3.3** Listen and repeat the verbs.

Sports and leisure

- 1 Look at the leaflet. Write the words and phrases in the box next to the correct picture.

aerobics fitness training squash tennis
badminton judo ~~swimming~~ weight training
basketball rollerblading table tennis yoga



riverside
sports and leisure

 swimming 1
 _____ 2
 _____ 3
 _____ 4
 _____ 5

 _____ 6
 _____ 7

 _____ 8
 _____ 9
 _____ 10
 _____ 11
 _____ 12

Come to the Riverside Sports and Leisure Centre.
We've got something for everyone!


- 2 Write *play*, *do*, and *go* in the centre of each word map. Then add three more sports or activities.




- 3 Complete the leaflet extract. Rearrange the words in brackets.


riverside village


After all your hard work, relax with your friends and have something to eat or drink. There's something for everyone.


 The Black Cat Café 1
(féac)

And that's not all.
We're now offering two new features.

 The Riverside _____ 2
(etanusratr)

 A weekly _____ 4 (nicema bluc) showing the best films

 The Riviera _____ 3
(inew arb)

 Monthly _____ 5
(scotrenc) for music lovers

Welcoming a visitor

Takashi Miura, a fashion buyer from Tokyo, is visiting Paola Silvestrini at her company in Milan. Complete the conversation. Use the phrases in the box.

What was the weather like	how did you get here?
Did you have any problems finding us?	Is this your first visit
How was your stay	Did you have a good journey?



PAOLA Good to see you again, Takashi, and welcome to Italy.

TAKASHI Thank you, Paola. It's nice to be here.

PAOLA _____ ¹ to this part of Italy?

TAKASHI Yes, it is. I only know Rome.

PAOLA So ... _____ ²

TAKASHI Well, I flew to Rome on Saturday and stayed two nights there. Then I took the train from Rome to Milan this morning.

PAOLA _____ ³

TAKASHI Yes, thanks. The train was very comfortable.

PAOLA _____ ⁴

TAKASHI No, none at all. Your directions were fine.

PAOLA _____ ⁵ in Rome?

TAKASHI Very pleasant, thanks. I did some sightseeing and some shopping, of course.

PAOLA Good. And I'm pleased you're seeing Milan in the sun. Spring has come early this year. _____ ⁶ in Tokyo when you left?

TAKASHI Well, actually, it was very wet there. So I came to Milan at the right time!

🎧 3.4 Listen to the conversation and check your answers.

🎧 3.5 Listen and repeat the questions on the Student's CD/Cassette.



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