

1 Complete the text with the correct past simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

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Patrick Leigh Fermor was a famous English writer in the 20th century. He ¹_____ at the King's School in Canterbury, England, but in 1933, when he was 18 he ²_____ to London because he ³_____ to be a writer. In December of that year, he ⁴_____ to leave London and walk across Europe. He ⁵_____ his journey in the Netherlands and ⁶_____ across Europe all the way to Istanbul. During the trip he ⁷_____ many different countries including Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia and stayed in lots of interesting places, from small farms and houses to large castles and palaces. He ⁸_____ many languages and ⁹_____ to people from all over Europe. You can read about his travels in three excellent books, *A Time of Gifts*, *From the Woods to the Water*, and *The Broken Road*.

2 Tick the sentences that are true for you. Make the other sentences true by changing the underlined words.

- 1 A few minutes ago, I asked the teacher a question. _____
- 2 Last month, I visited my grandparents. _____
- 3 I watched a comedy show on TV last night. _____
- 4 I studied English this morning. _____
- 5 I lived in another country when I was little. _____
- 6 I cooked dinner for my parents last week. _____
- 7 I chatted to a friend on my phone this morning. _____
- 8 I started school ten years ago. _____

3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Write sentences that you think are true for your partner using the past simple form of some of the verbs below. Then compare your sentences and find out if you are right.

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| 1 When he / she was a child, _____ | 5 Six months ago, _____ |
| 2 Last night, _____ | 6 Before the lesson, _____ |
| 3 Five years ago, _____ | 7 An hour ago, _____ |
| 4 Last Christmas, _____ | 8 This morning, _____ |

6B Past simple (affirmative): regular

Aims: To review and practise regular past simple verbs.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: 1 handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to read the text quickly. Ask: *Where did Patrick Leigh Fermor walk to?* (Istanbul).
- Ask students to complete the gaps with the past simple form of the verbs in the box. You might want to remind students of the spelling rules for past simple forms.
- Check answers by asking students to take turns to read out sentences from the text.

KEY

1 studied 2 moved 3 wanted 4 decided
5 started 6 walked 7 visited 8 learned / learnt
9 chatted

Exercise 2

- Students work individually to read through the sentences ticking those that are true for them.
- Ask students to compare their answers in pairs before they rewrite the other sentences so that they are true for them.
- Check answers by asking students to read out their sentences. As they do, ask other students to put up their hands if the sentences are true for them as well.

Exercise 3

- Students work in pairs. They should write sentences about their partner that they think are true using the prompts and some of the verbs. Set a time limit of five minutes.
- When they have written the questions, the pairs talk to each other to see how many sentences are correct. Encourage students to correct each other if the sentences are wrong.
- Students score points for each correct answer. Find out who has the most correct answers at the end.