

## Answer key

### PAST SIMPLE

Put the verbs in the brackets in the past simple. Be careful with irregular verbs.

#### MY TRIP TO NYC (HELEN'S BLOG)

I have no idea how many kilometres Susan and I covered (cover) in the 7 days we spent (spend) in New York City, but I can tell you it was (be) a lot! We enjoyed (enjoy) our time together despite the fact we walked (walk) every day in high heels until we didn't feel (not feel) our feet anymore. I'm also not sure how we made (make) it anywhere as we both had (have) a dreadful sense of direction. We didn't have (not have) a single argument, except when she ate (eat) my favourite cupcake, and there were (be) many nights when we both couldn't (cannot) sleep so we talked (talk) about everything! Still, the best day was (be) Saturday when we met (meet) a Big Apple Greeter who showed (show) us around Brooklyn. I fell (fall) in love with Brooklyn Heights. My pedometer kept (keep) crashing, probably due to all the walking. After Brooklyn, we returned (return) to the hotel for a quick snack. Then we went (go) shopping because in Susan's world there can never be enough shopping!!! Luke and David took (take) us to an Italian restaurant for dinner and we ate (eat) pasta and pudding for dessert. After dinner we watched (watch) the sunset. I quickly forgot (forget) that my feet were killing me.

### PAST SIMPLE QUESTIONS (OBJECT vs. SUBJECT QUESTIONS)

Look into the text My trip to NYC and write the questions in the past simple tense. There is an example of one object and one subject question at the beginning.

Example: 7 days. (spend) How many days did Helen and Susan spend in New York City?

Example: Susan. (eat) Who ate Helen's favourite cupcake?

- 1) A Big Apple Greeter. (show)  
Who showed them around Brooklyn?
- 2) Probably due to all the walking. (keep)  
Why did Helen's pedometer keep crashing?
- 3) Luke and David. (take)  
Who took Helen and Susan to an Italian restaurant?
- 4) Pasta and pudding. (eat)  
What did they eat for dinner?
- 5) They watched the sunset.  
What did they do after dinner?

# WAY TO GO 4 Grammar practice Unit 2

## PAST SIMPLE NEGATIVE

Turn positive sentences into negative sentences in the past simple. Be careful with the verb TO BE.

Ex. He **was** sad last week. His family **moved** to the USA.

He **wasn't** sad last week. His family **didn't move** to the USA.

- 1) The USA was a Spanish colony. The USA wasn't a Spanish colony.
- 2) The USA paid for the Statue of Liberty. The USA didn't pay for the Statue of Liberty.
- 3) Abraham Lincoln spoke Croatian. Abraham Lincoln didn't speak Croatian.
- 4) Immigrants had an easy life. Immigrants didn't have an easy life.
- 5) Americans drove on the left side. Americans didn't drive on the left side.
- 6) Americans invented pizza. Americans didn't invent pizza.

## PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

a) Circle the correct verb - past simple or past continuous tense. The first one has been done for you.

### SURVIVING A TSUNAMI

Dylan and Claudia had were having dinner in a fancy restaurant when it suddenly started/was starting to rain. But they didn't mind/weren't minding it. They talked/were talking about their plans for the next morning. While they drank/were drinking wine and listened/listening to some romantic music, their friends slept/were sleeping in the hotel nearby. The rain finally stopped/was stopping. Dylan and Claudia wanted/were wanting to leave the restaurant, when they suddenly heard/were hearing loud screams. Seconds later, a huge wave rushed/was rushing through the restaurant door. The wave quickly took/was taking control and started/was starting spinning their bodies. They were completely covered with water. After almost a minute underwater, Dylan stopped/was stopping spinning and started/was starting swimming. He swam/was swimming for a few minutes and at the same time tried/trying to keep calm, but in his mind he said/was saying goodbye to his loved ones.

a) Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets – past simple or past continuous tense. The first one has been done for you.

Suddenly, the force of the water **threw** (throw) him towards a forest of coconut palm trees. He **was passing** (pass) by the trees when he somehow **caught** (catch) a branch which was quite tall. He **was hanging** (hang) for a minute, worried about his wife when suddenly the branch **cracked** (crack) and he **fell** (fall) into the water. Dylan **noticed** (notice) another large piece of plastic which **was floating** (float) near him. He **put** (put) his arms around it, desperate to stay on the surface. He finally **reached** (reach) the shore and the higher ground. There he **saw** (see) four injured women and men who **were crying** (cry) in pain. Finding other survivors **gave** (give) him hope that his wife was still alive. He **was lying** (lie) on the beach, waiting for the doctors to help him, when somebody **called** (call) his name. It was Claudia...