

Present Tense – Past Tense

1) Find matching phrases

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| a) last year's interesting | 1) weekend break in a spa resort |
| b) this weekend's relaxing | 2) holidays on a homey cottage |
| c) yesterday's cool | 3) stay at a highway motel |
| d) last month's family | 4) expedition to Egypt |
| e) tonight's spontaneous | 5) trip to Disneyland |

2) Which of the above holidays are in the Present, which are in the Past? Why?

Present:

Past:

3) Complete the sentences with the appropriate Form of one of the Verbs in the box

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| spend | take part | take | decide | be |
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- a) Last year we _____ go on holiday by bus.
- b) The Millers always _____ their summer holidays in Mexico.
- c) A two week cruise on an ocean liner _____ definitely an interesting experience.
- d) After a season of hard work Pete and Sue were both exhausted, so they _____ a relaxing weekend package in a 5-star spa resort.
- e) Last summer, my sister _____ in a guided tour through the Sahara desert.

4) Irregular Verbs: Form sentences in the Past Tense

- a) last year - Sue – take a weekend trip – Paris

- b) the Elson family – go – two week cruise in the Pacific

- c) Emma – fly – Thailand – 3 weeks ago

- d) the couple – spend their honeymoon – Caribbean

- e) last weekend – my brother – drive – cottage in the mountains

- f) it – take – them – 3 hours to get to their destination

- g) the hotel – be – only half a mile from the beach

- h) in last year's holidays – we – can – practice waterskiing every day

Present Simple – Present Progressive

5) A letter; Put the Verbs in the correct form:

Dear Eve,

I (write) _____ you from my holiday in Croatia. I (stay) _____ in a nice hotel in the town of Rovinj. It (be) _____ quite central, it (be) _____ built on a rock, and from my room I (have) _____ a wonderful view of the sea and the islands that (surround) _____ the town. The residents of Rovinj (be) _____ all very friendly to tourists, and the town (be) _____ really lovely. You (can) _____ find many cool shops, and in every little corner there (be) _____ a café, offering self-made cake and delicious ice cream. I (must) _____ admit that although I usually (not like) _____ ice cream that much, I (constantly enjoy) _____ all sorts of it here. Apart from strolling through the town, I (spend) _____ most of the time on the beach. It (be) _____ a ten-minute-walk from the hotel, and they (offer) _____ sun shades and beach loungers. As you can see, I (really enjoy) _____ my stay here in Croatia.

I (send) _____ you my best wishes!
Yours Ruth

Past Simple – Past Progressive

6) Fill in the correct form of the verb:

Last year we (go) _____ to Hungary for our summer holidays. We (decide) _____ to go there by car, so we (can) _____ take all the things we (need) _____ with us. Father had booked a room in a nice hotel situated at a lake site. It (take) _____ us quite long to get there, because the highway (be) _____ rather congested, and when we finally (arrive) _____ we (be) _____ all happy and looking forward to a nice bed to have some rest. But when we (enter) _____ the hotel we soon (realize) _____ that the site (not be) _____ quite what we had hoped for. Instead of a friendly receptionist, an old lady (sit) _____ behind a wooden desk. She harshly (ask) _____ us what we (want) _____ and when we (answer) _____ that we had booked a room for 3 weeks she (reply) _____ that she (not know) _____ of any reservation. After a short discussion she finally (agree) _____ to give us a room and (lead) _____ us to the end of the building. The door (creak) _____ loudly when the old woman (open) _____ it, and when we (step) _____ into the small room, we (not can) _____ believe our eyes: dusty, ugly carpets (cover) _____ the window, a big black spider (crawl) _____ on the wall and two old, wasted beds (stand) _____ in the middle of the room. The water pipe in the bathroom (run) _____ and outside the window two big dogs that (live) _____ in a small fenced-in area, (bark) _____ constantly. After dad had caught his breath again, he (turn) _____ around without saying a word, (walk) _____ out of the “hotel”, (jump) _____ into our car, (wait) _____ until we all had gotten in too and then (drive off) _____ as fast as he (can) _____. We (go) _____ all the way back home without taking a break, and no-one (talk) _____ during the entire car-ride. When we finally (arrive) _____ home it (be) _____ already 9 in the morning, and dad (go) _____ directly to the tourist office where he had booked the hotel. He (go) _____ in red-headed and angry as hell, and when he (come) _____ out again he (hold) _____ tickets for a three-week-cruise in the Caribbean in his hands. “They gave this to me”, father (smile) _____. “And I did not have to pay one single Cent!”