



## Practice 1

Write the verbs in the Past Simple.

- |   |        |                |   |          |       |
|---|--------|----------------|---|----------|-------|
| a | work   | <u>worked</u>  | j | marry    | _____ |
| b | stop   | <u>stopped</u> | k | plan     | _____ |
| c | live   | _____          | l | reach    | _____ |
| d | start  | _____          | m | arrive   | _____ |
| e | use    | _____          | n | fit      | _____ |
| f | travel | _____          | o | visit    | _____ |
| g | drop   | _____          | p | call     | _____ |
| h | carry  | _____          | q | increase | _____ |
| i | tip    | _____          | r | like     | _____ |

## Practice 2

Write the irregular verbs in the Past Simple.

- |   |      |             |   |       |       |
|---|------|-------------|---|-------|-------|
| a | tell | <u>told</u> | g | make  | _____ |
| b | say  | _____       | h | do    | _____ |
| c | get  | _____       | i | go    | _____ |
| d | give | _____       | j | come  | _____ |
| e | take | _____       | k | write | _____ |
| f | put  | _____       | l | have  | _____ |

## Practice 3

Write questions about the missing information.

- a I went to ... on my last business trip.  
Where did you go on your last business trip?
- b He set up the company in ...  
When \_\_\_\_\_
- c They started selling ... last year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d At first, the product sold well because ...  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e They made a profit by ...  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f He worked for ICI for ... years.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g I spoke to ... at the conference.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- h ... invented the mobile phone.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- i ... people work in the Lille factory.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- j I travelled from Munich to Berlin by ...  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Practice 4

Complete the sentences with the words in the box or put 'X' when no word is necessary.

ago at for in on when

- a John started working here \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas but I met him for the first time ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_.
- b I travelled a lot \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
- c \_\_\_\_\_ Monday I had a meeting with Mr Leblanc.
- d I sent them the fax \_\_\_\_\_ on 5th July.

- e \_\_\_\_\_ I lived in London, I usually went away \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.
- f The delegation from Geneva arrived \_\_\_\_\_ three o'clock.
- g I worked for IBM \_\_\_\_\_ three years.
- h We had a really interesting business trip to Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ March.
- i I had a meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 9.30 \_\_\_\_\_ the evening and eventually got to my hotel \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
- j When I woke up \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday morning, I didn't know where I was.
- k Did Mr Heinkers phone \_\_\_\_\_ I was out?

## Practice 5

The following facts are incorrect. Make the sentences negative. Then give the correct information.

- a Steve Jobs co-founded Google.  
Steve Jobs didn't co-found Google, he co-founded Apple®.
- b On 4 October 1929, the Wall Street Crash started a worldwide economic boom.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c On 25 March 1957, six European states signed the Treaty of Madrid, creating the EEC.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d On 1 January 1999, eleven member states of the European Union adopted the pound as a common currency.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e Engineers at Apple produced the Android smartphone.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f Mark Zuckerberg invented Twitter.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 131.

## Practice 6

Complete the article with the correct verb from the box in the Past Simple.

be (x2) become begin convert develop grow

Like many other aspects of Internet history, Yahoo!® started as an idea, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ into a hobby and then (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a full-time passion. The two developers of Yahoo!, David Filo and Jerry Yang, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ PhD students in electrical engineering at Stanford University when they (d) \_\_\_\_\_ working on Yahoo! in April 1994. At first, it (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a way to keep track of their personal interests on the Internet. Later they (f) \_\_\_\_\_ their personal lists into a database designed to serve the needs of any user. They (g) \_\_\_\_\_ software to help them locate, identify and edit material stored on the Internet.