

8 Places

8.1 goals

- ⊗ talk about a place you visited
- ⊗ say what you saw and did
- ⊗ say what you didn't see or do

We saw ...

CAIRO: TOP FIVE THINGS TO DO

- 1 See the 4,000-year-old Pyramids and Sphinx.
- 2 Go shopping in the old market area.
- 3 Visit the Citadel and the Mohamed Ali Mosque.
- 4 Sit in a restaurant by the River Nile.

Best day trip:

- 5 Visit the Sakkara Pyramid – in the desert, about an hour from Cairo by car.

visit the Citadel
= go to see it



READING

- 1 Look at the things to do in Cairo. Match them with the pictures A–E.
- 2 Read Mike and Anna Taylor's travel blog. Which 'top five things' did they do?



A DAY IN CAIRO

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Tuesday 5 May

We arrived at Cairo Airport and got a taxi to our hotel. We stayed at the Hotel Windsor, in the centre. It was a nice, clean hotel and only \$45 a night. But I didn't sleep much – Cairo is a really noisy city and the trams start at five in the morning.

Wednesday 6 May

We only had one day in Cairo, and this was it! So we got up early and went to the souk, which is an area of streets with shops and markets – they sell everything. Anna bought a coffee pot. I saw a beautiful carpet, but I didn't buy it. Then we went to the Citadel, stayed there for an hour and looked at the whole city.

In the evening we went to a restaurant by the Nile. We had kebabs, bread and salad and watched the boats on the river – it was really beautiful. So that was our day in Cairo – we didn't see the Pyramids, but we saw the city and we had a good time.

Thursday 7 May

We got up at 5.30. Our plane to Mumbai was at 8.00. To read what we did in India, see [next entry](#) ...



[view from our hotel](#)



[downtown Cairo](#)

VOCABULARY

Past simple
verbs

3 Cover the travel blog. Complete the sentences about Mike and Anna.

had ~~arrived~~ went (x 2) got up watched bought stayed

- 1 They arrived at Cairo airport.
- 2 They _____ at the Hotel Windsor.
- 3 They _____ early.
- 4 They _____ to the market.
- 5 Anna _____ a coffee pot.
- 6 They _____ to a restaurant.
- 7 They _____ kebabs.
- 8 They _____ the boats.

We didn't see ...

GRAMMAR

Past simple
negative

1 a Look at the travel blog again. What does Mike say about:

- 1 the night at the hotel?
- 2 the carpet?
- 3 the Pyramids?

b 2.20 Read and listen to the sentences.

Verb	Past simple
stay	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>+</p> <p>They stayed in a hotel.</p> </div> <div> <p>-</p> <p>They didn't stay in a hotel.</p> </div> </div>
buy	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>I bought a coffee pot.</p> </div> <div> <p>I didn't buy a coffee pot.</p> </div> </div>
see	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>We saw the city.</p> </div> <div> <p>We didn't see the city.</p> </div> </div>

c Tick (✓) the true sentences and change the false sentences.

- 1 They saw the Sphinx. *They didn't see the Sphinx.*
- 2 They went to the souk.
- 3 They visited Sakkara.
- 4 They had kebabs for lunch.
- 5 They stayed for three days.
- 6 They got up early.
- 7 They bought a carpet.
- 8 They liked Cairo.

WRITING

2 a Last month Ghassan went to Beirut to visit his uncle. Read his email and choose the correct form of the verbs.



Last month I ¹stayed / didn't stay with my uncle in Beirut. We ²arrived / didn't arrive at Beirut Airport and my uncle ³met / didn't meet us and took us to his house. We ⁴saw / didn't see the sea but I ⁵went / didn't go swimming because the water was cold. Beirut has a very good gold market. There were lots of nice things but they were very expensive so I ⁶bought / didn't buy anything. In the evening we ⁷went / didn't go to a restaurant in the mountains above the city and ⁸had / didn't have a meal. Beirut is a beautiful city and I ⁹had / didn't have a good time there, but I ¹⁰stayed / didn't stay very long – only three days.

b Write an email about a town you visited recently. Write about:

- 1 three things you did or saw
 - 2 two or three things you didn't do or didn't see
- I arrived ... I went to ... I didn't go to ... I didn't buy ...*
I saw ... I visited ... I didn't visit ... I didn't see ...
I bought ... I had ... I didn't have ...

c Read out your email to other students but don't say the place. Can they guess where you were?

On holiday


VOCABULARY

Expressions
with go

Vocabulary reference, p108

I often go shopping.

I never go to museums.

- 1 a  2.21 Match the pictures and the expressions. Listen to check.

A
Go ...

swimming
shopping
walking
sightseeing
camping
skiing

B
Go to ...

restaurants
art galleries
museums



- b Look at the words in A and the words in B.
Which words are **places**?
- c Which things do you do on holiday?
Are there things you never do?

LISTENING

- 2 a What do you think you can do in these places?



Dubai, UAE



Rocky Mountains, Canada



Rome, Italy



Phra Nang, Thailand

- b  2.22 People talk about the four places. Listen.

- Which place is it?
- What did they do there?

- c The speakers say these things. Which place is it?

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 We didn't go swimming. | 4 I went there on business. |
| 2 It was quite expensive. | 5 We just relaxed. |
| 3 We didn't do much. | 6 The shops are really good. |

- 3 Work in A/B pairs. Look on p93.

8.2 goals

- talk about a place you visited
- talk about holiday activities
- ask people what they did

Did you ... ?

GRAMMAR

Past simple questions

- 1 a Look at the photos of Singapore. What do you think you can do there?



- b 2.23 Masumi talks about her trip. Choose the best answer.

- 1 She was in Singapore on holiday / on a business trip.
- 2 She liked / didn't like Singapore.
- 3 She stayed for a few weeks / a few days.

- c Read the conversation. What words did you hear?

you buy did have go

- JAN How was your trip to Singapore?
_____ a good time?
- MASUMI Yes, it was very interesting.
- JAN _____ shopping?
- MASUMI Well, just one afternoon. I didn't have much free time.
- JAN _____ anything?
- MASUMI Yes, I bought a new laptop. It was quite cheap.



Masumi

- d 2.24 Listen to the questions again.

Past tense questions: *Did you + verb*



I **had** ...
I **went** ...
I **bought** ...



Did you have ...?
Did you go ...?
Did you buy ...?

- 2 Student B went on a trip to Singapore. Student A, ask questions with **Did you ...?**

Did you stay in a hotel?

- 1 hotel?
- 2 sightseeing?
- 3 good food?
- 4 like Singapore?
- 5 presents for your family?
- 6 Singapore Airlines?

Student B, answer A's questions.

SPEAKING

- 3 a Think of a place you visited recently. It could be:

- a city.
- a holiday place.
- a place you went for your work.

Write a sentence. The teacher will give your sentence to another student.

I went to Damascus.

- b Look at your new sentence. Write three questions.

Did you stay with friends?


- c Find the student who wrote the sentence. Ask and answer the questions.

Months

VOCABULARY

Months,
seasons

Vocabulary reference, p103

- 1 a  2.25 Listen to the months, and write numbers 1–12. Then write them in the calendar.

March	June
May	February
September	July
January 1	November
October	April
December	August

- b What is this month? What is next month?
Which months are **summer** in your country?
Which months are **winter**?

8.3 goals

- ⊗ talk about a place you visited
- ⊗ talk about months and weather
- ⊗ say when to visit a place
- ⊗ ask about a holiday or business trip



When to go

Rome, Italy

Rome is hot in summer and cool and wet in winter.

Best time to go:

April – May, or
September – October.
It's not too hot and not so busy.



Rocky Mts, Canada

The Rocky Mountains are very cold in winter, with lots of snow. The weather is warm and dry in summer (20–30°).

Best time to go:

August – September. For skiing, go in February.



Phra Nang, Thailand

Phra Nang is always hot. It's sunny from November to April. From May to November it's hot and very wet.

Best time to go:

December – April. It's hot (around 32°) but there's not so much rain.



Dubai, UAE

Dubai is usually hot and humid. From June to September it's very hot (over 40°).

Best time to go:

December – March. It's usually 20–30° and it's cool at night.



VOCABULARY

Weather

in January
in July
in summer
in winter

- 1 a Read about the four places. Find eight adjectives to talk about weather.

- b How can you answer these questions?

- 1 I want to go skiing in Canada. When is the best time?
- 2 Is it good to go to Dubai in August?
- 3 What's Rome like in July?
- 4 I want to go camping in the Rocky Mountains. Is August a good time?
- 5 What's Phra Nang like in August? Is it a good time to go there?

WRITING

- 2 Write a 'When to go' text for your city or country.

Jeddah, in Saudi Arabia, is usually ...

Talk about a place you visited

LISTENING



Alejandro



1 a Alejandro talks about a trip to London. Before you listen, match 1–7 with a–g.

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 Where did you go? | a I went with two friends. |
| 2 Who did you go with? | b In July. |
| 3 When did you go? | c We stayed with my brother. |
| 4 What was the weather like? | d It was interesting, but very expensive. |
| 5 What did you do there? | e London. |
| 6 What was it like? | f We went sightseeing and went to art galleries. |
| 7 Where did you stay? | g It was nice. It was quite sunny. |

b 2.26 Now listen to the conversations to check. Practise the questions.

Did you go **to London**? → **Where** did you go?
 Did you **go sightseeing**? → **What** did you do?
 Did you go with **friends**? → **Who** did you go with?

c Cover the questions and answers. What can you remember about his trip?

2 Look at these answers. Use words from the box to write the questions.

Who When Where What

- Singapore. *Where did you go?*
- In November.
- It was really hot.
- I went alone.
- In a hotel.
- It was very interesting.
- I went to meetings and I went to a few restaurants.

PREPARATION

3 Choose one of these:

- a holiday.
- a business trip.
- a visit to friends in another town.

Prepare to talk about it. Think about the questions in 1a. What are your answers?

TASK

4 Talk to three or four other students about your trip.

Keyword do

1 Match 1–4 with a–d.

- I **do** a lot in the evenings ...
 - I don't **do** much in the evenings ...
 - A What did you **do** in London?
B Oh, I **did** a lot ...
 - I didn't **do** much in London ...
- a ... I went sightseeing, I went to lots of museums, I went on a boat ...
- b ... I just stay at home and watch TV.
- c ... I just stayed in the hotel.
- d ... I go to English classes and the gym, I go out with friends ...

Present	Past
I do	I did
He / she does	He / she did

2 a Choose the sentences that are true for you.

- I usually do a lot in the evenings.
 - I don't usually do much in the evenings.
- I did a lot yesterday.
 - I didn't do much yesterday.

b Ask and answer questions.

- Do you usually do a lot at the weekends?
What do you do?
- What did you do yesterday?
- Where did you go on holiday last year?
What did you do?

8 EXPLORE Writing

8.4 goal

write about a sequence of events

- 1 We can join these sentences in two ways.
How is A different from B?

We got up early.
We had breakfast.
We went to the market.

A We got up early **and** had breakfast.
Then we went to the market.

B We got up early **and** had breakfast,
and then we went to the market.



- 2 a Look at these sentences. Put them in the best order. Write 1, 2, 3.

We got a taxi to the hotel. **2**
We had lunch. **3**
We arrived at the airport. **1**

I got up at 9.00.
I cooked lunch.
I went shopping.

We sat by the Nile.
We had coffee.
We went back to the hotel.

- b Join them together to make either one or two sentences.

- 3 a Think about three things you did yesterday morning. Write them down, but in the wrong order.

- b Read out your sentences. Can other people guess the correct order?

I think you had coffee, and then you ...



GET IT RIGHT! Nouns and pronouns

- 1 Omar went on a business trip to Doha. Read his web posts. Which post 1–3 matches the photo?



1 On Monday I arrived at the airport in Doha. The airport is new and it's very interesting. It looks like an aeroplane.

2 The driver met me and he took me to my hotel. In the evening I walked by the sea and looked at the city. Doha has some beautiful modern buildings.

3 The next day the company manager showed me the city. We visited the Museum of Islamic Art. It's a beautiful, quiet building. It's also cool outside because it has trees and water.



Learners often make mistakes with nouns and pronouns. You only need one noun or pronoun before a verb.

- ✓ Omar is from Beirut. He went on a business trip to Doha.
- ✓ Omar is from Beirut and he went on a business trip to Doha.
- ✗ Omar he is from Beirut.

- 2 Cross out one word so these sentences are correct. Check in the texts.

- 1 The company manager he showed me the city.
- 2 Doha it has some beautiful buildings.
- 3 The driver he met me and he took me to my hotel.

- 3 Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Doha is the capital of Qatar.
- 2 The Museum of Islamic Art it is a nice building.
- 3 I have a brother and a sister. They live in Beirut.
- 4 My sister she is 23 and she works for the Bank of Lebanon.

- 4 Think of a city you know. Write three sentences about it. Be careful with nouns and pronouns!

It is the capital of ...

It has (some) ...

There are ...

It is beautiful / quiet / busy / interesting / modern.

VOCABULARY

1 a Find groups of three words.

week station May camping warm
museum sunny swimming August
month walking restaurant October
airport year wet bus station art gallery

week – month – year

b Which words can go in the gaps?

- 1 I stayed there for a _____.
- 2 We went _____ at the weekend.
- 3 Let's meet at the _____.
- 4 They were on holiday in _____.
- 5 It's usually _____ in April.

1 I stayed there for a week.

2 Which month or months:

- 1 have 30 days?
- 2 has 28 days?
- 3 is the first month of the year?

3 Write the past forms of these verbs.

- 1 see *saw*
- 2 visit
- 3 watch
- 4 buy
- 5 go
- 6 get
- 7 stay
- 8 arrive

SPELLING

4 Write the words correctly.

- 1 shopping
- 2 boght
- 3 swiming
- 4 Avgust
- 5 Mai
- 6 siteseeing
- 7 galleries
- 8 busines
- 9 staied
- 10 doesn't

GRAMMAR

Past simple – positive and negative

+	– <i>didn't</i> + infinitive
I saw a movie last night. We visited my brother. They went to a café.	I didn't see a movie last night. We didn't visit my brother. They didn't go to a café.

Past simple – questions

Yes / no questions	Wh- questions
Did you see a movie last night? Did you visit your brother? Did they go to a café?	What did you see? Who did you visit? Where did they go?

Grammar reference, p99

5 Correct the mistakes.

- 1 You stay in a hotel yesterday?
- 2 I don't visited the Pyramids.
- 3 Did she went shopping?
- 4 Do you did stay at home?
- 5 They didn't bought anything.

6 Make sentences or questions from the words. Use the past simple.

- 1 you / stay / in Cairo?
Did you stay in Cairo?
- 2 We / go / restaurant / last night.
- 3 I / not / see / her / at the party.
- 4 They / buy / a new DVD / at the weekend.
- 5 you / have / a good time?
- 6 We / not / go swimming.

Self-assessment

Can you say things like this in English?

Circle a number on each line.

1 = This is difficult. 3 = I can say this – no problem.

<input type="radio"/> I bought a pair of trousers.	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> I didn't go to museums.	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> We went camping at the weekend.	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> Did you have a good time?	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> It's warm and sunny in July.	1	2	3
<input type="radio"/> He went to London in September.	1	2	3

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