

GRAMMAR: past simple

4 Read this page from an explorer's diary. Write each verb in brackets in the past simple.

1 We ¹ _____ (start) our journey in October. Three of us ² _____ (leave) early in the morning and the rest of the group ³ _____ (follow) us an hour later. The group ⁴ _____ (walk) all day and in the evening we ⁵ _____ (find) a small lake with fresh water. The desert ⁶ _____ (be) cold but very beautiful. My colleagues ⁷ _____ (photograph) the night sky until finally we ⁸ _____ (go) to bed. In the morning the team ⁹ _____ (continue) the journey but it ¹⁰ _____ (become) harder and harder to walk in the heat...

5 Write these verbs in the quiz below in the past simple. Afterwards test your own knowledge and complete the quiz. See the answers on page 93.

be reach lead make sail

Test your knowledge of the **Great Explorers!**

- 1 Who _____ the South Pole first?
 - A Robert Scott
 - B Roald Amundsen
 - C Richard Branson
- 2 Who _____ the first expedition westwards from Europe to Asia via the Pacific?
 - A Ferdinand Magellan
 - B Marco Polo
 - C Vasco da Gama
- 3 Who _____ the second man on the moon?
 - A Yuri Gagarin
 - B Neil Armstrong
 - C Edwin Aldrin
- 4 Who _____ to America first?
 - A The Vikings
 - B Christopher Columbus
 - C James Cook
- 5 Which European first _____ contact with the continent of Australia?
 - A Thor Heyerdahl
 - B Captain James T Kirk
 - C Captain James Cook

PRONUNCIATION: -ed endings

6a How many syllables are each word, 1, 2 or 3? Write your answer next to the word.

- 1 invented 3 (in -vent - ed)
- 2 danced _____
- 3 discussed _____
- 4 decided _____
- 5 travelled _____
- 6 arrived _____
- 7 introduced _____
- 8 landed _____
- 9 worked _____
- 10 lifted _____

6b **1.6** Listen to check your answers and practise saying the words.

DICTIONATION

7 **1.7** Listen and complete the next page in the explorer's diary.

We _____ the desert for another and _____ mountains. During this time, _____ feel sick. _____ but the journey _____. Then, _____, some people _____ and _____ to their tents. _____ . Their leader was an old man and _____. We _____ what the medicine was but _____. The people in the desert _____ and _____ .

GRAMMAR: present perfect and past simple**1** Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 Ralph hasn't been to Europe ____
 - 2 He's ____
 - 3 Has he been ____
 - 4 He's never ____
 - 5 Ralph went there ____
 - 6 He's already been to three capital cities this ____
 - 7 Has Ralph ____
- a) before?
 - b) week.
 - c) been before.
 - d) yet.
 - e) ever been to Europe?
 - f) already been there.
 - g) when he was a boy.

TRANSLATION**2** Translate the sentences 1–7 in Exercise 1 into your language.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____

3 Read this email and underline the correct form, present perfect or past simple.

Dear Petra

How ¹ *have you been/were you?* I think the last time we ² *'ve spoken/spoke* was over two months ago. Anyway I ³ *'ve just returned/just returned* from a week walking in Morocco. We ⁴ *have flown/flew* to Marrakesh and then ⁵ *have walked/walked* for three days in the Atlas mountains. I ⁶ *'ve never done/never did* anything in my life so tiring but so amazing before! The tour leader ⁷ *has taken/took* us to parts of the mountains where tourists don't normally go and the local people ⁸ *have invited/invited* us in to their homes. At the end, the group ⁹ *have spent/spent* a night in Fez with its ancient markets. I ¹⁰ *haven't spent/didn't spend* too much money there but I ¹¹ *have bought/bought* a couple of really beautiful ornaments. Anyway, I ¹² *'ve already booked/already booked* another holiday there in the autumn. Would you like to come?

PRONUNCIATION: contracted form ('s / 've)**4** **1.8** Listen to six sentences. Tick the sentence you hear.

- 1 I travelled all night.
I've travelled all night.
- 2 He climbed this mountain.
He's climbed this mountain.
- 3 They worked here for years.
They've worked here for years.
- 4 She told him the news.
She's told him the news.
- 5 We talked to them.
We've talked to them.
- 6 It hit the building.
It's hit the building.

READING

5 Read about Martin Strel and write the verbs in the past simple or the present perfect.



Sharks, stingrays and crocodiles: swimming the Amazon at 52

There ¹ _____ (be) a time when explorers ² _____ (tell) us about their amazing adventures in books. But nowadays, no 'true' adventurer or explorer travels without a documentary film crew. And so Martin Strel, a 52-year-old Slovakian, ³ _____ (take) camera men to the Amazon with him. Last week they ⁴ _____ (begin) filming Strel's attempt to swim the length of the river. On the first afternoon, they ⁵ _____ (film) him successfully swim through parts of the river in Peru. In the past, these sections of the river ⁶ _____ (stop) passenger ships. But Strel ⁷ _____ (survive) many previous dangers. As a young man, he ⁸ _____ (swim) the English channel and since then he ⁹ _____ (also/swim) the Danube, Mississippi and Yangtze rivers. The Amazon, however, ¹⁰ _____ (be) a greater challenge for Strel with its crocodiles, stingrays and sharks. In case of emergencies, his back-up team ¹¹ _____ (pack) animal food to throw to any interested meat-eaters and his medical team ¹² _____ (take) a supply of blood from Mr Strel before the journey began – just in case the worst happens!

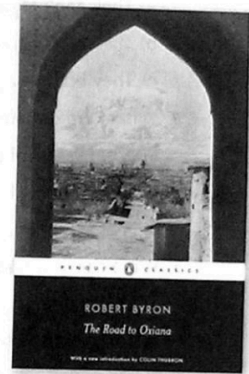
LISTENING

6 Write questions about Martin Strel's adventure in the past simple or present perfect.

- 1 Q: In the past, how _____ ?
A: In books.
- 2 Q: Who _____ ?
A: A film crew, a back-up team and a medical team
- 3 Q: What _____ ?
A: Strel's attempt to swim the Amazon.
- 4 Q: What _____ ?
A: Passenger ships.
- 5 Q: Why _____ ?
A: For emergencies.

7 **1.9** Listen to part of a lecture about the travel writer Robert Byron. Decide if the statements 1–7 are true or false.

- 1 Byron was from France. ____
- 2 No one had written books about travel before *The Road to Oxiana*. ____
- 3 Byron also wrote about architecture. ____
- 4 *The Road to Oxiana* was his first book. ____
- 5 It was about his journey to Afghanistan. ____
- 6 It has been translated. ____
- 7 Byron died on one of his journeys. ____



8 Answer these questions about Byron.

- 1 Who has said it is the first example of great travel writing?

- 2 When was Byron born?

- 3 When did he publish his first book?

- 4 How long after *First Russia, Then Tibet* did he write *The Road to Oxiana*?

- 5 Which of his books is known worldwide?
