



TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

(1) Last year, my friend Tim and I visited Thailand. Our first stop was the capital, Bangkok. The "City of Angels" was very busy and after a week we felt we needed a change, so we booked tickets to go on a guided tour to a Karen village in the North-west of the country. The next morning, an old van parked outside our hostel. A man jumped out and shouted our names at us. After around four hours, we arrived at the village.



(2) As soon as we got off the bus, it felt like we stepped back in time. Everywhere we looked there were small bamboo huts and open fires with locals making their daily meal. Our tour guide told us that the Karen tribe live the same way today as they did for generations. They grow their own food, weave their own cloth to make clothes and build their own huts. They are very friendly people.



(3) What surprised me the most, though, were the huge bronze rings the Karen women wore around their necks. Karen girls first start to wear the rings when they are five years old. They begin with one ring, and over the years, they add more and more. By the time they become adults, some Karen women wear up to 15 rings, so their necks look extremely long. Most people say that Karen women do this so that they look like dragons, an important animal in Kayan religion. On the journey back to Bangkok, I couldn't stop thinking about the lives of the Karen people. The whole day was a great experience.

Exercise 1: Read the text again and match the paragraphs to the headings. One heading is extra.

- A. An interesting appearance
- B. Just like the old days
- C. Looking for something different
- D. Living in the city

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences according to the text

- 1 The writer went to Thailand with _____.
- 2 People call Bangkok _____.
- 3 They went to a Karen village which is in _____.
- 4 The Karen people live in _____.
- 5 They cook their food on _____.
- 6 The rings make the women's necks look _____.

Exercise 3: Fill in the gaps with weave, grow, booked, guided, adult.

- 1 We went on a _____ tour in Bangkok.
- 2 We _____ our holiday to the USA online.
- 3 They showed us how to _____ cloth.
- 4 They work in fields and _____ rice.
- 5 In Japan there are special ceremonies when a young person becomes a(n) _____.

Exercise 4: Match the words with their synonyms.

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| 1 | Resemble | _____ | A | Over |
| 2 | About | _____ | B | Experience |
| 3 | Left | _____ | C | Around |
| 4 | Very | _____ | D | Look like |
| 5 | Throughout | _____ | E | Got off |
| 6 | Adventure | _____ | F | Extremely |

Exercise 5: Match the words with pictures which are about.

-cruise -safari -beach holiday -skiing holiday -sightseeing holiday -adventure holiday



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

Exercise 6: Fill in with words.

-departed -rented -went -spent -contacted -booked

- 1 They _____ a cottage by the sea.
- 2 He _____ the embassy when he lost his passport.
- 3 We _____ tickets for the ferry online.
- 4 She _____ skiing in the Alps last winter.
- 5 I _____ my holiday relaxing on the beach.
- 6 The train _____ from platform 9 at 8 o'clock.

Exercise 7: Fill in the gaps with the adjectives.

noisy, heavy, crowded, dirty, awful, long, polluted, expensive.

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| 1 _____ traffic | 5 _____ queues |
| 2 _____ weather | 6 _____ hotels |
| 3 _____ beach | 7 _____ room |
| 4 _____ sea | 8 _____ people |

Exercise 8: Make the past simple, positive, negative or question.

- 1 Where _____ (you / get off) the train?
- 2 I _____ (not / change) trains at Victoria.
- 3 We _____ (wake up) very late.
- 4 What _____ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?
- 5 I _____ (receive) £300 when my uncle _____ (die).
- 6 We _____ (not / use) the computer last night.
- 7 _____ (she / make) good coffee?
- 8 They _____ (live) in Paris.
- 9 Why _____ (you / come)?
- 10 _____ (he / go) to the party?

Exercise 9: Complete the table with the past simple of the following verbs.

-buy -send -climb -fry -wear -watch -add -park -go -bake -finish -take -miss -draw -swim -ride

REGULAR	IRREGULAR

Exercise 10: Choose the correct item.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 George _____ the washing-up at the moment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. does b. did c. is doing 2 Eddie _____ video games when he was younger. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Played b. is playing c. plays 3 Karl _____ with his grandparents this summer. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. is staying b. stayed c. stays 4 My mum _____ on a farm when she was girl. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. is living b. lived c. lives | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 I _____ on my first driving lesson yesterday. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 'm going b. went c. go 6 My father _____ sport at the weekend. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. often watches b. often watched c. often is watching 7 "_____ on the Orient Express?"
"Yes, we did. It was amazing experience." <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do you travel b. Are you travelling c. Did you travel 8 I usually cycle to work but yesterday I _____ my car. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. drive b. drove c. drives |
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Exercise 11: Make an affirmative sentence, negative sentence or question using "used to + infinitive".

1 She / be able to speak French, but she has forgotten it all.

_____.

2 He / play golf every weekend?

_____.

3 They both / have short hair.

_____.

4 Julie / study Portuguese.

_____.

5 I / not / hate school.

_____.

Exercise 12: Read the dialogue and fill in the gaps with the correct form of used to and the verbs in bracket.

A : Grandma, 1) _____ (you/listen) to music when you were young?

B : Yes, I did. But we 2) _____ (not/own) personal music players. We 3) _____ (play) our favourite songs on a record player.

A : _____ (you/surf) the Internet?

B : No, I didn't. Not only was there no Internet, but we _____ (not/have) a computer.

A : No computer! What _____ (do) in your free time?

B : I _____ (read) books and meet my friends.

A : How _____ (you/keep) in touch with people you didn't see without the Internet.

B : We _____ (write) letters to each other.

A : Wow! It _____ (be) very different back then!



Exercise 13: Put a tick (✓) next to the sentences where "used to + main verb" can replace the past simple.

1 Jacoline **lived** on a farm when she was a little girl. ✓ (used to live)

2 Steven **went** on holiday with his family last summer. _____

3 I **sent** an email to my friend in New Zealand last night. _____

4 I **didn't wear** glasses when I was a child. _____

5 We **watched** a film at the cinema yesterday. _____

Exercise 14: Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words.

1. My dad used to be really fit and he was in his college _____ team (**ATHLETE**)
2. When you were young did you ever play with other _____ in your neighbourhood (**CHILD**)
3. Alan wants to be an _____ but I don't think he's got much talent (**ACT**)
4. They have a wonderful _____ of stamps. (**COLLECT**)
5. You have to practice a lot if you want to work as a _____. (**MUSIC**)
6. My friend wants to become a _____ football player (**PROFESSION**)
7. Why are cats such _____ animals ? (**PLAY**)
8. Lots of people get _____ just from watching someone perform. (**PLEASE**)
9. There are many forms of _____. You just have to find the right kind . (**ENTERTAIN**)
10. In his youth my dad was a _____. He worked on a big ship for two years (**SAIL**)

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